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Call to Order

President Ellen Hunter opened the meeting and Kathy Sampson gave the invocation. The Club then recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests / Song / Birthdays

Today's guests included Clover Apelian (Abby Balster), Jan Heinrich (Jim Heinrich), Angie Klosterman (The Evening Leader), and Sydney Albert (Daily Standard).

Alex Pittman led the singing of "Vive le Rotary". No members with birthdays were present today.

Happy Dollars / Fines

Don Hinckley was happy to be back and for presentation of seven (7) Rotary scholarships to MHS graduates; Ken Strickland also happy to be back from California. Travis Elsass kicked in \$\$ to remind us re: District Conference (5/19-21);

Linda Haines for announcing Annual Club Banquet (6/28); and Jeff Squire for reminder about completing committee assignment survey. Dan Burke was happy for Clover Apelian attending and for her help with Roughrider Athletic Complex fundraising; and Randy Elsass for recent trip to Normandy and chance to witness programs commemorating great sacrifices made by so many in World War II.

Finemaster, Ron Gorby caught Alex Pittman, Phil Schumann, Gayle Masonbrink, and Zach Ferrall without badges. Ron fined former member, Shawn Brown, for 'missed meetings' and more--since Ron's son is engaged to Shawn Brown's daughter. Dan Burke gave up his dollar as encouragement to 'loosen up a bit' and Jake Sutton for carrying less trash than Ron at the Rotary trash pick-up.



Announcements / Presentations

- President Ellen thanked Prom Promenade Committee for great event, and thanked Scholarship Committee for their help in selecting scholarship recipients and for presentations at Awards Night
- Travis Elsass reminded us to register for District Conference--5/19-5/21/17 at Sawmill Creek Resort in Huron, Ohio
- Thanks to Gayle Masonbrink who spoke at 5/11/17 Gears & Cheers meeting; the 5/25/17 meeting to

be at Varsity Lanes, St. Marys--join for dinner, bowling, and fun!

- Thanks to those who have plugged Carp Derby on their Facebook pages
- Reminder that we're striving for at least 50% of members to register their personal profile information on Rotary.org site (after accessing website, open "My Rotary" tab and then click "My Profile" to enter personal information)

Program

Today's program comes from former Superintendent of St. Marys City Schools and former Club member, Shawn Brown, who currently serves as Director for the Auglaize County Educational Service Center (ESC). In 1914, ESC offices were established in each Ohio county to help create minimum courses of study for schools within the county.



The Auglaize County ESC actually spans a couple of counties, serving the ACE Academy, Ada, Hardin Northern, Kenton, Minster, New Bremen, New Knoxville, Ridgmont, St. Marys, Waynesfield Goshen, and Wapakoneta schools.

The ESC office offers member school districts a centralized source of special education, vocational education, and gifted education programs, as well as coaching and intervention programs for students

with autism, emotional and multiple disability issues--services that individual school districts might lack the staff and funding to provide for themselves.

The ESC receives its funding from each member district based upon that district's student population. The Auglaize County ESC has also developed additional sources of operating income by providing training and professional development services to other ESC's and by renting classroom space to groups such as the Sylvan Learning Center, Head Start Program, and others.

Each ESC is governed by a five-member board that functions much like the School Boards do for the public schools.

Queen of Hearts

Jeff Vossler had the lucky ticket, but wasn't lucky enough to find the Queen.

Upcoming Programs

- 5/17/17 Lora Abernathy, Editor of "Salt" magazine
- 5/24/17 Tess Elshoff, Chair, State Board of Education
- 5/31/17 Rotary Group Study Exchange (GSE) Team from Scotland

Upcoming Greeters

- 5/17/17 Linda Vogel
- 5/24/17 Tami Sanford
- 5/31/17 Randy Elsass
- 6/7/17 Frank Klatt

The meeting was adjourned after recitation of the "Four Way Test".

*** Rotarians scheduled to greet, please be in place by 11:30 a.m.**

