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Rotary Club No. 3503

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Call to Order

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

Guests / Song / Birthdays

Visiting Rotarian, Steve Koenig (New Bremen) joined the meeting. Today's guests included Mike Lee (former member), Mike Wilker and Stephanie Kramer (guests of Bev Wilker), Laia Mortimer (Rick Green), Sara Clark (Renee Homan), Jan Heinrich (Jim Heinrich), Angie Klosterman (The Evening Leader), and Sydney Albert (Daily Standard).

Rita Hilty led the singing of "You're a Grand Old Flag". No members with birthdays present.

Happy Dollars / Fines

Kraig Noble and Dan Burke were happy for Mike Lee's attendance;

Rick Green for Laia Mortimer's induction as a new member; Linda Haines for Mike Lee's attendance and for the planning of our Annual Banquet. Kathy Bayless had a dollar for Beth Noneman's presentation at the Gears & Cheers meeting; President Ellen for her good friend, Becky Macwhinney, who is presenting today's program; Alisher K. for the roller skating family event; Rev. Charles Richtmyer for national champ U-C hip hop dance team; Rev. Bill Maki for a good vacation Bible school and for the "Walk for Water" fundraising event (thanks to Rotary members whose organizations donated to event).

Rev. Bill Maki levied a number of fines, quizzing the group about the baseball standings for Cleveland and Cincinnati, the year that Rotary changed from an all-male club (1989); and the birthplace of Rotary International President, John Germ (Chattanooga, TN).

Announcements / Presentations

- Laia Mortimer was inducted as our newest member. Laia was nominated by Rick Green. A graduate of Ohio Northern University, Laia resides in St. Marys and is an attorney with Hearn Law Offices in Wapak



- Remember to register your personal profile information on

Rotary.org site before end of June (open "My Rotary" tab on home page and then click "My Profile" to enter personal information--all sections marked by "% complete" including "skills/interests")

- Thanks to everyone who joined Family of Rotary roller skating event

Program

Today's program comes from Becky Macwhinney, MHS graduate, who has served for the past four years as Director of the Bicycle Museum of America, in New Bremen.



For those who have not visited, the museum is located in the old NB hotel (intersection of highways 66 & 374). It was started in 1997 by a private collector who purchased a significant portion of the bicycles sold by Schwinn in their 1993 bankruptcy auction. Today the museum houses over 1,300 bicycles and is considered to be the largest collection in the world. Many of the exhibits are interactive, making the museum a great place for families and children.

Only about 300 of the bicycles in the collection are rotated for display at any one time. These include the oldest known bicycle, the "Draisine", an 1816 velocipede that was originally used as a cart to carry items previously carried by livestock. The museum's version of this bicycle is one of only eight in existence.

Other bicycles of interest include one used in the Pee Wee Herman movies (authenticity was confirmed by Paul Ruben who played the Pee Wee character). The museum also has two of the 100 bicycles that belonged to the late actor, Robin Williams.

The museum has been featured on the History Channel television show, "American Pickers". More recently another feature was filmed to be aired in the next several months on the Travel Channel's, "Mysteries at the Museum".

Queen of Hearts

Congratulations to Alex Pittman for picking the Queen of the deck, winning a pot of ~\$300.

Upcoming Programs

6/21/17 Stacy Perkins,
Paranormal Investigations
6/28/17 Annual Banquet-6:00 PM
(No noon meeting)

Upcoming Greeters

6/21/17 Scott Nuttle
6/28/17 Kim Ray

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

