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Call to Order

President Ellen Hunter opened the meeting and Rev. Bill Maki gave the invocation. The Club then recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests / Song / Birthdays

Stephanie Kramer (Rotary Interact), Alec Temple (guest of Travis Elsass), Ed Gebert (Daily Standard) and speaker Stacy Perkins.

Jeff Squire led the singing of "All Hail to Rotary". No members with birthdays present.

Happy Dollars / Fines

Linda Vogel was happy about her trip to Alaska, that she lives in Ohio and that she was back at Rotary, Alex Pitman was happy for the victory of the Queen, Kevin Lawler added \$5 to "buy some time" to talk about poop scoops for the parks and

also presented President Ellen with Rotary socks as she is the "Sole of Rotary", Ron Gorby added \$3 for his

weekend with Kyle Larson where he took all 3 winners circles, Gary Newton was happy to share his Mongolian

trip story and happy that his old rotary club donated \$5,000 to the Mongolian project, Don Hudson was happy that Beth Noneman helped him with his rotary.com profile, Sue Pitman was happy that Don Hinckley and the library staff helped her finish rotary profile, Robbie Burke was happy that St. Marys Chrysler made a donation to the Aug. County Crisis Center, Rita Hilty was happy about her visit to see daughter and son in law and invited everyone to Music by the Lake on Sunday from 2-4 p.m., Wes Protsman reminded everyone about Art in Fashion event on July 9 at 2-3 p.m., Don Hinckley was happy about his new grandchild and his 3rd round of treatment starting Monday, Frank Klatt was happy to inform everyone about an article in the Wall Street Journal about the program that brought him to Ohio.

Randy Elsass levied a number of fines, quizzing people on various topics and also auctioned off a popcorn popper and popcorn to Robb Bechtle for \$50 since the scholarship fund was behind. Everyone enjoyed a max fine of \$2.



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Announcements / Presentations

- Volunteers needed to help landscape Centennial Park on Saturday morning at 9 a.m.
- Gears and Cheers at JTs at 6 p.m. Thursday.
- There will be no noon meeting on Wed. June 28th due to the banquet that evening.

Program

Jeff Squire introduced our speaker, Stacy Perkins, from Ghost Gals. Stacy has spoken at the club before representing the Boys Scouts of America (which is her day job), but today she spoke about her paranormal investigations.



Ms. Perkins explained that she has been "ghost hunting" for 10 years and it started with her best friend. She has a degree in history and that love led her into the ghost hunting. Ms. Perkins has stayed overnight at the Mansfield Reformatory and that is where she experienced her first apparition. A guy walked out of the shower house into the jail cell. She tries to return to Mansfield Reformatory every 6 months to capture another similar experience. Ms. Perkins also explained the "orbs" that she has photographed from several hunts. Orbs are balls of energy and you can tell the difference between dust and orbs because orbs have a

green/blue tint and you can see through orbs.

She carries a lot of equipment used for the hunts aka the "proton packs". She does solitary confinement in places like morgues, but the hunters are always in pairs. Ms. Perkins has never experienced an evil spirit but has witnessed many good spirits. She has done investigations in homes, cemeteries (which spirits normally don't hang out there), prisons, morgues, hotels and more. She explained that New Orleans is the #1 place for hauntings and realtors must list if the house is haunted or not haunted. Madame LoLoule's house is one of the most haunted places but is currently shut down in New Orleans and owned by the city. She finished her speaking event by inviting us to call her at 419-234-1717 if you think you can live or work in a haunted location.

Queen of Hearts

Rev. Bill Maki drew for the queen but couldn't find her.

Upcoming Programs

6/28/17 Annual Banquet-6:00 PM
(No noon meeting)

7/5/17 Club Assembly
7/12/17 Gary Newton, Mongolia
7/19/17 Fred Hullinger - Summerfest

Upcoming Greeters

6/28/17 Kim Ray

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

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

