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Call to Order

President Jeff Squire opened the meeting and Rita Hilty gave the invocation. The Club then recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Kraig Noble led the singing with "Home on the Range" and the club then sang "Happy Birthday" to Zack Ferrall, Laia Mortimer and Jeff Squire. Guests included Jan Heinrich (guest of Jim), Stephanie Kramer (Interact Club Advisor), Andrew Wilson (The Evening Leader) and Chris Green from the SMPD.

Happy Dollars

Jeff Squire started the happy dollars as a reminder to "throw things away so your kids don't have to go through it" and for the March 4, 2004 EL his mom kept, Dan

Burke was happy to announce the golf ball drop for the Grand Lake Hospice event (he has tickets), Robbie Burke was happy about the upcoming fair and asked Rotarians to volunteer to work the Crisis Center ticket gate, Laia Mortimer was happy for her engagement this week, Rick Green was \$10 happy and appreciative for being selected as Rotarian of the year but felt that Ellen should share the honor, Travis Elsass was happy that he had no new flooding as he installed a new sump pump, Gary Newton was happy that the club had him speak about his trip to Mongolia and also for members pledging for Mongolian efforts, Kathy Bayless was happy to be the Gears and Cheers speaker and also added a happy dollar for Abby Balster and reminded everyone there was a program at the chamber tomorrow morning, Kraig Noble was happy for the gorgeous night on the lake, Wes Prostman was happy about Gears and Cheers, Gayle Masonbrink was happy for the recycled March 4, 2004 EL and about the speaker Jack Hayzett, Jim Heinrich was happy about the Hospice Golf Ball Drop and sad dollar for the unexpected death of Rotary International President Elect Sam Owori.

Fines

Rita Hilty fined Rick Green, Sue Pitman, Ellen Hunter, Bev Wilker, Randy Elsass, Bob Leugers, and Linda Haines for their incorrect July trivia answers, Ellen Hunter again with Trisha Barnes as they need to separate and make new friends, and then there were several group fines.

Announcements

- Jeff Squire announced the next Gears and Cheers event on July 27th
- Ellen Hunter announced the dedication ceremony for the Rotary Park on August 11th from 4 – 6:30 p.m. and asked for RSVPs.
- Ellen also announced the school supply drive.
- Trisha Barnes announced the Dayton Dragons Game for August 5th, tickets are \$12 and a sign-up sheet went around. Next Friday will be the cutoff for sign up.

Program



Our speaker today was Jack Hayzett, the next Fair Manager after Fred Piehl's retirement. Jack came to the club to tell us about the new events at the Auglaize County Fair for 2017. The fair will run from July 30th until August 5th and the newest and most talked about event will be the Warrior Challenge. The Warrior Challenge will be an event similar to the American Ninja Warrior that you see on TV and will be for individuals as well as teams. Tuesday night will be area Fire Departments competing on the Warrior Course and Thursday night will be area law enforcement teams (St. Marys has a team involved). Another new addition to the list of events is the Dinosaur Xperience. The fair will have a 7

foot T-Rex interacting with fairgoers on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. For the first time, the Fair will offer Paint Ball Shooting at Real Live Zombies. Jack reassured us that it will be under its own tent and the zombies will be contained. Other new events or returning events included the miniature draft horse pull and the truck vs. truck pulls. With the new events and returning events, the board is hoping to draw a different crowd of people. Another great addition is the 12,000 SF show arena that is now open. For more information about the fair schedule he did direct us to the website at <http://www.auglaizecountyfair.org>.

Queen of Hearts

Dick Hudson won the chance at the Queen, but did not find her.

Upcoming Programs

- 7/26 Fred Hullinger, SummerFest
- 8/2 Keith Jacobs, Waynestock
- 8/9 Randy Fisher, United Way/Prof. coaching

Upcoming Greeters

- 7/26 Alex Pittman
- 8/2 Mark Ashman
- 8/9 Rita Hilty
- 8/16 Ron Gorby

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

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

