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Call to Order

President Jeff Squire opened the meeting and Allen Baskett offered the invocation. Allen then led the singing of "The More We Get Together" and suggested that our speaker, Jim Jordan, bring this song back to Congress. No Birthdays to celebrate today.

Guests included Jan Heinrich (guest of Jim), Stephanie Kramer (Interact Club Advisor), Andrew Augsburger guest of Zach Farrell, Marie Olberding, guest of Tami Sanford and Kim Ray, Greg Foxhoven guest of Mike Burkholder, Ed Gebert with the Daily Standard, Jim Jordan and his team, Keith Westrich new teacher at St. Marys school, Karen Elsass guest of Randy, Derek Vogel Former Rotarian, Gretchen Rentz and Courtney

Donovan guest of Kraig Noble, Edward Broyles and Ann Hudson guest of Dick Hudson. We had one visiting Rotarian, Cameron Warner, District Director for Jim Jordan.

Happy Dollars

Jeff Squire was happy about Summerfest, Zach Ferrall was happy for the chance at the Queen, Randy Elsass was happy that his wife joined him and for his trip to Lake Huron, Kim Ray was happy for her guest, Mr. Westrich her former teacher, the Dragons game and that her recent repurchase was paid by a stranger, Julie Kraner was happy about the float in the parade, Jeff Vossler for the putt putt golf fundraiser, Dan Hosek was happy about Supper and Sounds and St. Marys Rotary, Vancrest of St. Marys and the St. Marys Educ. Assoc. being sponsors, Bev Wilker for the Hog purchased at the fair and being able to donate it to Agape, Tami Sanford was happy for her guest and that her daughter is expecting, Derek Vogel was happy to be back at Rotary.

Fines

Travis Elsass handled fines. Allen Baskett was fined and Kraig Noble and Charles Ritchmeyer escaped fines. Travis then handed out group fines.

Announcements

- Jeff Squire thanked Trisha Barnes for coordinating the Dayton Dragons game and thanked Bev Wilker for purchasing the hog at the fair for Rotary.
- Ellen Hunter reminded everyone of the Ribbon-cutting at Rotary Park at 4:00 PM, Friday, 8/11;

- SummerFest Parade Rotary float takes off from 'Goodyear' parking lot at 3:30 PM, Saturday, 8/12
- School supplies have to be in 8/16 (cash donations also OK)
- Gears and Cheers on Thursday at JTs 6 p.m.

Program

Today's program was Congressman Jim Jordan representing the 4th District. Congressman Jordan first spoke about his "bad news" which is his disappointment in the Obamacare repeal and replace bill they could not get passed 12 days ago. He spoke about how they should have separated the clean repeal and replacement bill and presented the Obamacare repeal on January 20th and worked out the replacement later but now the bill is together and they were unable to get it passed. He was very disappointed in this and in Senator McCain and 5 other senators that voted "against" what they voted "for" 18 months prior.

Congressman Jordan then spoke about his "good news" which is the tax reform bill. He is confident that the tax reform will get done and in his opinion needs to get done. Two weeks ago leadership took the Border Adjustment Tax off the bill which would have hurt our manufacturing sector so that was great news for the tax reform bill. Congressman Jordan also spoke about the need to add welfare reform to the current tax reform bill. He feels the only way to reduce the \$21 trillion debt is to look at tax reform, deal with healthcare/Obamacare, decreasing regulatory burden on businesses and increasing the labor supply. At this point, only 61% of

the 18-64 year olds are working. He would like to see a work requirement established for those



receiving benefits.

Lastly, Congressman Jordan spoke about the need for accountability for government representatives. He is pushing for Special Counsel to investigate elected officials that have done wrong. Congressman Jordan then answered questions.

Queen of Hearts

Allen Baskett got to draw for the Queen, but she still lives.

Upcoming Programs

8/16 Randy Fisher, United Way
8/23 Doug Frye, MHS Football
8/30 District Governor, Deb Cheney

Upcoming Greeters

8/16 Ron Gorby
8/23 Julie Kraner
8/30 Ellen Hunter
9/6 Pat Cogan
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.**

