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Rotary Club No. 3503

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August 23, 2017

Call to Order

President Jeff Squire opened the meeting and Rita Hilty offered the invocation. Zack Ferrall then led the singing of "Our Boys Will Shine Tonight" No Birthdays to celebrate today.

Guests included our guest speaker SMHS Head Football Coach Doug Frye, Interim St Marys Schools Superintendent Howard Overman – Guest of Dan Burke, Rick Buehler – Guest of Ron Gorby, Vaughn Ray – Guest of Kim Ray, Angie Klosterman from the Evening Leader, SMHS Principle Bill Ruane and 7 seniors from the SMHS Football Team – Tyler Miller, Wyatt Barhorst, Bo Kuenning, Austin Giesige, Drew Jacobs, Collin Clement, and Sam Maze.

Happy Dollars

Our Happy Rotarians today included Dan Burke, Tami Sanford, Travis Elsass, Linda Haines, Don Hinkley, Wes Protsman, Bev Wilker, Ellen Hunter-Adams, and Kevin Lawler.

Fines

Rita Hilty was our Finer today. Her victims included Jon Wale, Ellen Hunter-Adams, Beth Noneman, Keith Fledderjohann, John Coe, Trisha Barnes, Jeff Vosler, Linda Haines, Kevin Lawler, Ron Gorby, and Dan Burke. Rita also handed out group fines for anyone who did not attend the Otterbein Fish Fry, did not watch the Eclipse, or anyone who did not attend Waynestock.

Announcements

- The club noted the passing of local historian and friend of Rotary Buz Howard. Funeral will be held 3:00 P.M. Sunday, September 3, in the Performing Arts Center at Saint Marys Memorial High School. Private family burial rites will be held at Elm Grove Cemetery. Friends may call from 1:00 P.M. until the time of services on Sunday, September 3 in the Commons of SMHS. Condolences for Buz may be sent to his family via Millerfuneralhomes.net.
- Thanks to everyone who donated to the school supply drive. The schools were very appreciative and said that our supplies were very needed.
- This Thursday Jim Harris and Jeff will be passing out the dictionaries to all the thirds graders. If you want to come along, please let me know. Many thanks to Jim for

his continued support for this project.

- Thursday will be Gears and Cheers at JT's at 6:00.
- August 30th will be DG Deb Chaney's visit. We hope that we have a big Rotary showing for her. There will be a board meeting on August 30th at 10:45 for DG Deb, and as always, all members are invited to attend any board meeting.

Program

Coach Frye shared his thoughts on the upcoming season. Coach is very pleased with the team he has this year. Each of the seven senior players present at our meeting today introduced themselves.



The team has had two pre-season scrimmages, where they had one win and one loss. Both games were close and well played.



This Friday the team will be taking on Sidney High School, a very talented team. He mentioned several outstanding players on the Sidney squad that will be a challenge for the Roughriders to contain.

Looking ahead to the WBL League this year, Coach Frye said it's hard to pick a favorite. All the perennial powerhouse teams are going to be strong with a lot of returning talent.

Coach Frye also voiced some concern over what appears to be declining numbers on area Freshman squads, attributing it to low motivation among other things. He liked the new rule change regarding Blindside Blocking, saying it would help to make the sport safer.

Coach stuck around after the meeting to visit and talk football.



Queen of Hearts

Mike Makley got to draw for the Queen, but she still lives.

Upcoming Programs

8/30 Rotary DG, Deb Cheney

Upcoming Greeters

August 30	Ellen Hunter
September 6	Pat Cogan
September 13	Linda Haines
September 20	Lori Martensen

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

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

