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Call to Order

President Jeff Squire opened the meeting and Rita Hilty offered the invocation. Zach Ferrall led the singing of “Vive Le Rotary”.

Guests included Brandy Grant (guest of Alisher K.), Emily Post (guest of Ellen Hunter), Doug Ayres (guest of Jake Sutton), Angie Klosterman (Evening Leader), Ed Gebert (Daily Standard), Katie Honigford (WLIO-TV), and Jan Heinrich (guest of Jim).

Happy Dollars

President Jeff was happy to participate in performance of “Gypsy” at Van Wert Civic Theatre; Ellen Hunter for Jake Sutton’s return, Lori Martensen’s speaking at Gears & Cheers, and visitor Emily Post; Jake Sutton kicked in \$10—a

dollar for each week he was gone; Lori Martensen for the “Bling Fling” sale to benefit the Library, and for the new grant to support WSLC’s nursing program. Tami Sanford added a dollar for the Tailgate for Cancer; Jeff Vossler for completing dept. budget meetings; Bev Wilker for Hawaii trip and granddaughter; and Trisha Barnes for our speaker from Coleman Services.



Fines

Rita Hilty quizzed several members on flag trivia, and levied a group fines for those without Tailgate tickets, no costume for Halloween Parade, etc.

Announcements

- Jeff thanked John Coe and Travis Elsass for auctioning their OSU tickets and also thanked bidders
- Reminder; Rotary Board meeting at 10:45 AM, 10/4/17
- Reminder: Halloween Parade on 10/24/17; meet at Chestnut Street parking lot at 5:00 PM



- 10/24/17 is also Polio Day; John Wale to put on pizza fundraiser

for this purpose—after Halloween Parade (\$10 for adults, \$5 for kids)

Program

Today’s program brought together the following individuals for a panel discussion regarding the growing opioid crisis:

- Andrew Augsberger, Auglaize County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney
- Dan Faraglia, Director, Coleman Services--serving individuals with health/substance abuse disorders
- Michael Schoenhofer, Executive Director, Allen County Mental Health & Recovery Services Board
- Tammie Colon, who has served in various roles to facilitate health care and counseling services



Opioids include opiate-based substances like heroine as well as medications prescribed to reduce pain. The use of opioids for legitimate and illicit purposes has grown to epidemic proportions. Many doctors have been urged to prescribe meds so patients ‘feel no significant pain’. As a result, they can develop addictions to these pain-killers and eventually turn to street drugs, including even more dangerous synthetics like fentanyl, to support this addiction.

Unlike some substance abuse issues, the opioid crisis has touched individuals from all walks of life and socio-economic classes. Opioid use is especially prevalent in our area, in part due to being located geographically near the most common crossroads for drug trafficking.

So what can we do to address this epidemic? Panel members discussed the importance of early education for children and more awareness for adults so they know the risks of opiate-based pain killers. There is also a growing collaboration between hospitals, EMS, and substance abuse treatment providers to ensure that people understand their options and have access to the most effective counseling and treatment.

Queen of Hearts

Robbie Burke got to draw, but turned over the queen of clubs.

Upcoming Programs

- 10/4 Paul Hoverman, Niswonger Performing Arts Center
- 10/11 Kaitland Keene/Rebecca Dominguez, All American Cheer
- 10/18 David Weilbacher, Careers

Upcoming Greeters

- 10/4 Dan Hosek
- 10/11 Kim Ray
- 10/18 Trisha Barnes

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.**

