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Rotary Club No. 3503

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Call to Order

President Jeff Squire opened the meeting. Charles Richtmyer gave the invocation. Rita Hilty led the singing of "Viva Le Rotary" and "Happy Birthday" to Tammy Sanford.

Guests included Jami Goecke (guest of Renee Homan), Ed Pierce (guest of President Jeff), Doug Spencer (guest of Kraig Noble), Eric Adams (Evening Leader) and Jan Heinrich (guest of Jim).

Happy Dollars

Dan Burke was happy for chance at the Queen, Dan Hosek was happy about a new grandchild, Julie Kraner for the Rotary auction coming up Nov. 8th, Tami Sanford for her recent trip, a new grandchild in 6 weeks, her family visiting, the

tailgate for Cancer and the Halloween Parade on Oct. 24th, Rita Hilty was happy about new patio homes at Otterbein and the groundbreaking event, Gayle Masonbrink was happy about the new stadium website at www.roughriderpride.com, Ed Pierce was happy to be back at rotary, Abby Balster was happy for National Chamber of Commerce day, Renee Homan for her guest Jami Goecke, new administrator at Vancrest of St. Marys and for Trick-or-Treat event and President Jeff was happy that Northwestern is up 1-0 against Maryland for football.



Fines

Travis Elsass did the fines and limited it to group fines. Anyone that hasn't seen an MMA fight live, if you haven't been a speaker at Gears & Cheers or attended an event, if you aren't wearing a pumpkin tie or if you don't have a pumpkin at your house you were fined.

Announcements

- Pres. Jeff announced the next Gears & Cheers on Oct. 26th at JT's.
- Pres. Jeff updated club on Interact's first service project for SART and the RAK committee is asking for donations to support this project.

- Reminder: Halloween Parade on 10/24/17; meet at Chestnut Street parking lot at 5:00 PM
- Reminder: 10/24/17 is also Polio Day pizza fundraiser after Halloween Parade (\$10 for adults, \$5 for kids)
- Reminder: FUNdraiser Auction--11:30 AM, on 11/8/17; See Julie Kraner to donate auction item; any guests need to be signed up for meal by Nov. 1st

Program

Today's program was David Weilbacher speaking about his career in wrestling and Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) fighting. Mr. Weilbacher is a 1989 graduate of Memorial High School and still holds the highest placed winner with 3rd place at state. He then went to University of Findlay on a wrestling scholarship and was a 3 time all American, won championship in 1995 and most proud of his accomplishment as an academic all American.



After college, he went on to law school in Cleveland and continued his role in wrestling as a coach at Cleveland State. He coached Div 1 for 8 years and continued to also compete in wrestling. He wrestled in Sweden and learned Greco Roman style wrestling with aspirations to compete at the Olympics. He did excel into the top

10 but was unable to make the Olympics. Then a friend from University of Findlay convinced him to do Jiu-Jitsu. Mr. Weilbacher's career with MMA started when he got involved with Strong Style Gym. He then explained MMA and the styles of wrestling/martial arts that were incorporated into the MMA fighting. The forms that excelled in MMA were those fighters that used Jiu Jitsu, Judo, and wrestling. He went on to explain and show video for each style as well as Muay Thai and Greco Roman which all plays into the MMA fighting. MMA fighting has grown to a \$4 billion business but still only reaches about a 2% viewership with 80% of the revenue coming from the UFC platform

Queen of Hearts

Travis Elsass got to draw for the Queen, but didn't find her.

Upcoming Programs

- 10/25 Erin Boyd-Jellison, dancing career
- 11/1 Galen Cisco, little league award ceremony
- 11/8 FUNdraiser Club Auction
- 11/15 Veteran's Day Program

Upcoming Greeters

- 10/25 Susan Pittman
- 11/1 Robbie Burke
- 11/8 Mike Makley

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.**

