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November 15, 2017

Call to Order

President Elect Zach Ferrall opened the meeting and Charles Richtmyer offered the invocation. Zach Ferrall also led the singing of "Battle Hymn of the Republic". Happy birthday was sung to several Rotarians.

Guests included Angie Klosterman (EL), Mike Lee (Dan Burke), Dr. Emily Post (Ellen Hunter), Jon Meinerding and Seniors from MHS and Jan (guest of Jim). Veterans were then recognized and thanked for their service.

Happy Dollars & Fines

Happy Dollars started with Beth Noneman for the chance at the Queen, Dan Burke for his guest Mike Lee and the Veterans, Bob Leugers for NB volleyball's state

win, Randy Elsass for Paige Jone's 47 kills and being there to watch, Minster football win, Travis and his girlfriend had a "sparkling" dinner on the beach, Kimberly Ray was happy about Michigan trip, girls trip and upcoming ML vs. Coldwater football game, Julie Kraner was happy and thankful for our Veterans and that she spent Veterans day in Wash. DC, Keith Fledderjohann was happy his nephew was on shark tank, Renee Homan was happy about the NB volleyball state win and Agape blanket drive, John Wale had a buck for the Riders and a buck for the Bucks.

Fines were done by Phil Schumann and Abby Balster was not fined for trivia answer but Mike Burkholder was fined. Group fines were then assessed.

Announcements and Presentations:



- Dan Burke inducted and welcomed new member Mike Lee. Mike Lee was a member years ago and we welcome him back to the club. Mike Lee's name was proposed by Dan Burke.
- Pres Elect Zach Ferrall thanked DG Cheney for speaking at Gears and Cheers and reminded everyone there would be no Gears and Cheers next week.
- This is the last week for SART donations.

- Zach reminded everyone of the Agape blanket drive through Nov.

Program

Pres. Elect Zach Ferrall then introduced our speaker John McJunkin from the American Legion Post 323. Mr. McJunkin was a 1967 graduate of MHS and resides in St. Marys with his wife and serves as the Commander of the Post.

Mr. McJunkin thanked Rotary for allowing him to speak on behalf of Veterans. Mr. McJunkin spent 20 months in Vietnam and has been a 47 year member of the American Legion. He explained the make-up of the American Legion which includes the American Legion, the Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion and the American Legion Rider chapter.

The American Legion was started after WWI and the St. Marys Post 323 was started January 15, 1920. American Legion programs include Americanism, National Security, Child Welfare and Veterans Services and Rights. Post 323 is very active with community events like summer sports, Buckeye Boy and Girl State, Boys Nation, Scholarship program, Oratorical contest and Americanism & Government test.

Mr. McJunkin also spoke about his involvement at the state level (he currently serves as the chairman for the state public relations committee). He also serves as the public relations chairman for the post. Mr. McJunkin thanked Veterans for their service and described his family history of service. Mr. McJunkin also informed Rotarians

of some of the statistics from the Vietnam War which was the war he served in.

Mr. McJunkin completed his speech with a reminder of how Veterans Day came about and that it was once called Armistice Day. He also thanked the Veterans again for serving and reminded everyone to always "Remember your Veterans" and those that protect us at home.



Queen of Hearts

John Wale drew for the queen but did not find her.

Upcoming Programs

- 11/22 Chad Doll, Thanksgiving
- 11/29 Rotary Foundation program
- 12/6 Jenny Boroff WIC Prog.
- 12/13 Molly Hay BBBS
- 12/20 Member Christmas party
- 12/27 Mayor Pat McGowan

Upcoming Greeters

- 11/22 Jim Heinrich
- 11/29 Kathy Sampson
- 12/6 Kathy Bayless
- 12/13 Dan Hosek

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.**

