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Rotary Club No. 3503

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Call to Order

President Jeff Squire opened the meeting and Kevin Lawler offered the invocation.

Guests included Dr. Emily Post and Jan Heinrich (guest of Jim).

Kevin Lawler led singing of "Rotary, My Rotary".

Happy Dollars

Randy Elsass was happy for Minster being in Div. 7 semi-final football game; Ellen Hunter for guest Emily Post & pay-off of student loan; John Wale for Buckeyes and for Club Christmas party; Linda Haines for Hospital Gala (4/21/18) and raffle tickets for Dodge Challenger (see Linda); and Renee Homan for lap blankets donated-delivery to Agape on 12/13.

Fines

Fine master, Kim Ray fined several members for missing badges and levied group fines for those who had not done Cyber Monday shopping, those who had packages delivered to home while away, those who jumped the gun with Thanksgiving Day shopping, those who had not shopped locally, and those who had not signed up for Rotary Kids Christmas Party.



Announcements

- Kid's Christmas Party on 12/12/17 5:30pm dinner, 6:00pm program --RSVP in advance
- Club to help Salvation Army by ringing bells again at K-Mart and Kroger's (12/11-12/23)--see Ellen Hunter to sign up
- Member Christmas Party set for 12/20/17 during regular meeting; lunch to start early--bring \$25 gift to join in gift giving/stealing
- Club Board Meeting at 10:45am, on 12/6/17; members welcome

Program

Today's program on the Rotary Foundation was presented by President Jeff Squire. In 2017, Rotary Foundation celebrated its 100th anniversary. It has received

several commendations as a world-class foundation, with 91 percent of funds spent directly on programs.



The Foundation supports a wide range of important causes, such as:

- Promoting peace in the world
- Fighting diseases
- Providing clean water
- Saving mothers and children
- Supporting education
- Growing local economies

The Foundation is well known for its efforts to eradicate polio around the world. In addition, it helps finance global grants as well as district grants for humanitarian projects that are proposed by district 6600 clubs. Examples include the Sri Lanka clean water project promoted by Jim Heinrich, and the maternity hospital project in Mongolia being planned by Gary Newton.

The Foundation depends upon the Annual Giving program. "Every Rotarian Every Year" represents the philosophy that if Rotarians give every year, there is nothing that the Foundation cannot accomplish. The "Paul Harris Fellowship" recognizes those with lifetime gifts of \$1,000 or more. Today, the club recognized Robbie Burke for reaching the level of Paul Harris

plus 7 (\$7,000+), Kraig Noble for plus 6, and Ellen Hunter for plus 3.



We are asking all members to consider supporting the Rotary Foundation with a generous gift. As an extra incentive to contribute and to help members accumulate Paul Harris 'points' more quickly, the District matches the first \$50 contributed. In addition, the Heinrich Family Foundation provides a \$100 point match (and \$200 point match for first-time contributors).

Queen of Hearts

Trisha Barnes got to draw, but could not find the Queen.

Upcoming Programs

12/6 Jenny Boroff, WIC Program
12/13 Molly Hay, Big Brothers & Big Sisters

12/20 Member Christmas Party

Upcoming Greeters

12/6 Kathy Bayless
12/13 Dan Hosek
12/20 Linda Vogel
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 am**

