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January 10, 2018

Call to Order

President Jeff Squire opened the meeting, and Sue Pittman offered the invocation.

Guests included presenter Mark Kogan from the Boy Scouts, Brian Botti (prospective member) and Charlie Dine, guests of Dan Burke, Jayna Vossler, guest of Lori Martensen, Erica Adams and Alex Barhort from *The Evening Leader*, and John Meinerding with a group of MHS seniors.

Kraig Noble led us in singing, "You're a Grand Old Flag".

Happy Birthday

Kraig also led the membership in singing Happy Birthday to Alex Pittman, who managed to score two flowers.



Happy Dollars

Lori Martensen was happy for her guest, Jayna Vossler, a colleague who will be moving back to the area soon. Robbie Burke was happy for her weekly chance at the Queen. Bill Maki was happy to be at the meeting. Wes Protsman was happy for new Arts Place exhibit opening this Friday from Grand Lake Photo Club, as well as a beer tasting fundraiser on Friday, Jan 19th, tickets required. Bev Wilker was happy for grandchild getting out of the NICU and the Mountaineers ranked second in the country. Huggins is a snake. Kathy Burgess was happy for attending a One Rotary Summit in Findlay.

Fines

Travis Elsass levied fines while quizzing member on Boy Scouts trivia. "All fines" were given for members who were never in Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts and the entire group was fined because too many people are sitting in the same seats each week.

Announcements

- Gears and Cheers is scheduled for January 11 and will be new Rotarian Orientation at JTs at 6:00 PM
- Membership dues are due
- Past Rotarian Louis Comas passed away. Service will be on Jan 20th.
- There will be a Business After Hours event on February 22nd at the St. Marys office of Minster State Bank

Program

Zach introduced today's speaker, Mark Kogan.



Originally from Long Island, Mark has been employed with Boy Scouts of America (BSA) for 20 years and has been scout executive for the last 4 years, working out of Findlay. Brian Botti (another guest) is the district executive. The BSA mission essentially is to prepare people for life. Mark had all the former Scouts stand and recite the scout law.



Cub scouts is for first through fifth graders, and midway through fifth grade boys transition to Boy Scouts, which runs through the age of 18. About 2-4% that Boy Scouts make it to Eagle Scout. Venturing is a co-ed program for teenagers. Exploring Program connects youth with local businesses (in lieu of camping activities.) New kindergarten program ("Lions") in pilot phase. It is a parent-son activity.

Meets once or twice a month and parents share leadership responsibilities.

Family Scouting will be stating in the Fall and will allow elementary school age girls to participate in Cub Scouts. Will be single sex activities but both genders meeting at the same locations. This helps busy families only have one place to go for multiple children. In 2019 a new middle school girls program will be developed. Units will decide if they want co-ed clubs or single sex.

Local council budget is 2 million, and supports 6K boys. All dollars raised stay local. Black Swamp Area Council is 27 years old in 2018.

BSA is a United Way agency. Receives about \$160K total from UW. and manuscripts.

Queen of Hearts

Lori Martensen drew for the Queen of Hearts after her guest had the winning ticket. The Queen lives. Lest anyone think Robbie has lost her Irish luck, she was just one number off from winning.

Upcoming Programs

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| 1/17 | Molly Hay BBBS |
| 1/24 | Bob Hellmuth-New Hope |
| 1/31 | Abby B-Chamber update |
| 2/7 | Mayor-State of the City |

Upcoming Greeters

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| 1/17 | Zach Ferrell |
| 1/24 | Randy Elsass |
| 1/31 | Renee Homan |
| 2/7 | Rick Green |

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**

