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February 14, 2018

### Call to Order

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

Guests included Jan Heinrich, guest of Jim Heinrich; speakers Sheriff Al Solomon and Mike Peterson, David Waltermier (guest of Kathy Bayless), Eran Hami & Phil Thomas from WLIO.

Kevin Lawler led us in singing of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" and he led the singing of "happy birthday" to Kathy Sampson, Mike Burkholder, Bob Leugers, and Mike Makley.

### Happy Dollars

Phil Schumann was happy at the chance at the Queen last week and he felt safer with our speakers, Randy Elsass was happy that the warm weather has the birds chirping, Jake Sutton was happy about the speakers and 10 happy dollars for Mike

Burkholder's birthday from his boss, Kevin Lawler was happy to be at Rotary and about the sheriff's department letting him wear the equipment vest, Abby Balster was happy about the business after hours coming up on Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> and the HR Roundtable on Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> from 12-1, Kraig Noble was happy that he was heading to Ann Arbor for a basketball game for Valentine's Day.

### Fines

Ron Gorby handed out fines for anyone that didn't have their badge, Kevin Lawler for his sheriff vest demonstration, he fined Phil Schumann, Trisha Barnes, Bev Wilker, John Coe, Rick Greene for incorrect trivia answers and then auctioned off a Valentine's Day gift packet for 1 night stay at Howard Johnson, 2 movie tickets, 4 drink tickets and a pizza for \$125 by Ellen Hunter.

### Announcements

- President Jeff announced Gears and Cheers on Feb 22 at Minster State Bank for the Business After Hours event from 5-8pm. and thanked Bev Wilker for speaking at the last G&C.
- Ellen Hunter explained the Small Acts of Kindness committee's plan to deliver cookies to the "everyday heroes" around the city for Valentine's Day.
- Updated member directory sheets are available at table.



### Program

Zach introduced today's speakers, Sheriff Al Solomon and Chief Deputy Mike Peterson. Sheriff Solomon has been with the Sheriff's office since 1979

and has been sheriff since 2005. Sheriff Solomon first asked for everyone's thoughts and prayers for the Westerville officers and families. He started by confirming the budget for their office for 2018 is approximately \$5,413,000 with \$3,515,000 being salaries and then spoke about the many duties performed at the Sheriff's office which includes road patrol, dispatch for 9-1-1 calls, SRT (Special Response Team), Register & manage the sex offenders registry (there are 67 sex offenders in the county), manage conceal and carry licenses, D.A.R.E. program, conduct background checks, pay-for-stay, operate a 72 bed corrections facility (11 of them being females), Grand Lake Task Force and more. Sheriff Soloman also spoke about the ways the Sheriff's office supports the Crisis Center. He then turned the presentation over to Chief Deputy Mike Peterson to speak about the SRT team which started in 1999.



Chief Deputy Mike Peterson introduced himself and has been an original member of the SRT since its inception in 1999. He was sworn in at Chief Deputy on February 1, 2018. He started his presentation by explaining how the SRT has evolved since 1999. The SRT currently has 9 members and they are working on 10 and they work closely with the Shelby County SRT and train monthly. They have 3 vehicles and explained and showed us the various equipment used.

Chief Deputy Peterson spoke about SRT calls and that they use distraction

devices before they use any equipment to breakdown doors. He spoke about different calls that they respond to and thanked Kevin Lawler for modeling the vest earlier in the meeting. Chief Deputy Peterson also explained how their "throwbot" works and the process they have to go through to get this piece of equipment from the military program. The throwbot assists with monitoring corners/stairs or any unsafe entry point. This \$14,000 device is making the entries safer for the team and they can monitor what is going on before they send men through the entry point. This "throwbot" is used on almost every call they go out on. Sheriff Solomon and Chief Deputy Peterson completed their presentation by answering questions.

### Queen of Hearts

President Jeff Squire won the chance at the Queen but was unable to find her.

### Upcoming Programs

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| 2/21 | Jeff Marcum, Freshwater Boater's Alliance  |
| 2/28 | Kathy Jeffries, Project Search             |
| 3/7  | John Hill, Haiti project                   |
| 3/14 | Ag Day with Jackie Seibert & DG Deb Chaney |

### Upcoming Greeters

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| 2/21 | Dan Burke      |
| 2/28 | Rebecca Regnet |
| 3/7  | Wes Protsman   |
| 3/14 | Bev Wilker     |

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**

