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February 21, 2018

Call to Order

President Jeff Squire opened the meeting, and Charles Richtmyer offered the invocation.

Visiting Rotarian, Mark Hogan, joined us from the Findley Rotary Club. Guests included Jan Heinrich, guest of Jim Heinrich; speakers Jeff Marcum and Paul Joseph of the US Freshwater Boater's Alliance; Dave Regnet, guest of Rebecca Regnet; and Kraig Noble's guests included wife, Christine, son, Jeffrey and his wife Tina, along with granddaughters Reagan, Aubrey and Olivia.

Kevin Lawler led us in singing of "Moonlight Bay."

Happy Dollars

Kraig Noble shared happy dollars to have his family (and Paul Harris recipients) with him; Abby Balster shared happy dollars for the Business

After Hours event on Thursday, February 22 from 5-8 PM. Wes Protsman gave happy dollars for the Lake Area Arts Group Opening Event at Arts Place on Friday, February 23. Renee Homan shared happy dollars to remind Rotarians about the Lunch for Seniors on March 8. Other happy dollars came from Bev Wilker, Kevin Lawler, Randy Elsass, Kathy Bayless, Charles Richtmyer and Zach Ferrall.

Fines

Rita Hilty dedicated fines this week to "on this date" in history, February 21. Mike Makley escaped his fine, but Rita caught Zach Ferrell, Dan Hosek, Beth Noneman, Jim Heinrich, Gary Newton, and Rebecca Regnet with fines. Group fines were also levied.



Announcements

- President Jeff announced Gears and Cheers on Feb 22 at Minster State Bank for the Business After Hours event from 5-8pm.
- Thanks to Ellen Hunter for the Small Acts of Kindness committee's delivery of cookies to the "everyday heroes" around the city for Valentine's Day.
- Updated member directory sheets are available at table.
- Ag Day is March 14 and Rotarians are encouraged to bring a farmer to lunch. Please give Bev Wilker your guest count as soon as possible.
- Paul Harris Awards were made on this date to Aubrey and Olivia Noble. Proud grandparents, Rotarian Kraig

Noble, and Christine Noble generously give to the Rotary Foundation in the name of their grandchildren.



Program

Zach Ferrall introduced today's speakers, Jeff Marcum and Paul Joseph of the US Freshwater Boater's Alliance. The organization is seeking volunteers who enjoy boating and who are focused on helping fellow boaters when help is needed on the water. The organization supports local lake communities in Grand Lake St. Marys, Indian Lake and Lake Loramie.



Jeff Marcum, a resident of Montezuma and Paul Joseph, the commodore and resident of Lima where he is postmaster, shared with St. Marys Rotarians the history of the

organization, which started four years ago with just six members. Each year, the USFBA provide free boat rides on Grand Lake and helps motorists who have broken down or run out of fuel. The Alliance saves law enforcement officers time and money when an incident occurs on the lakes rather than on the roads. Some of the services offered by USFBA include:

- CPR Training
- 911 Response Teams
- Towing Practice for Boaters
- Boat Safety Training
- Promotion of the Ohio DNR
- Removal of debris on lakes
- Marking of stumps on lakes
- Community events
- Pontoon rides at local festivals

In 2017, 27 boats were towed to safety by the US Freshwater Boaters Alliance.

Queen of Hearts

Beth Noneman won the chance at the Queen but was unable to find her.

Upcoming Programs

- 2/28 Kathy Jeffries, Project Search
- 3/7 John Hill, Haiti project
- 3/14 Ag Day with Jackie Seibert & DG Deb Chaney

Upcoming Greeters

- 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**

