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### Call to Order

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

Guests included Lora Krugh, principal of Holy Rosary School, and she brought her students who participated in the 4 Way Test essay contest. Students' family members in attendance were: Angie Sullivan, Jim Schloemer, and Mark Dues. Other guests included Mayor Pat McGowan, Teresa Schultz from the Evening Leader, Phil Thomas and Marina Newman from Hometown Stations, and Jan Heinrich.

Kraig Noble lead the singing of "Take Me out to the Ballgame" in honor of baseball season starting this week.



### Happy Dollars

Some happy people were: Lori Martensen was thankful for the guests from Holy Rosary School and for being an alumnus (Go Royals!). Randy Elsass was thankful for skiing at Breckenridge, and reminded everyone to email him questions for the upcoming Commissioners debate. Linda Haines and her posse were thankful for the upcoming gala for Grand Lake hospice and reminded everyone that raffle tickets are still available for purchase. Linda Vogel was thankful for her vacation in Arizona and Las Vegas, as well as for the upcoming Administrative Professionals day on April 25<sup>th</sup> that will feature Sarah Kelsey, owner of Rhinestone Lipgloss, as our speaker. Deadline for guest signup is April 11.

### Announcements

- Received a thank you from Julie Kramer
- Next Gears and Cheers on April 12
- Kraig presenting history of SM Rotary at library on April 18
- Board meeting next week
- Small Acts of Kindness and Interact are collecting donations for the ROC during April.
- April 11<sup>th</sup> meeting will begin at noon.

- SM Rotary donated \$200 to the Epidemic of Hope event.

### 4 Way Test Essay Winners

Bev Wilker introduced Holy Rosary Principal Lora Krugh, who thanked Rotary for the opportunity to have her students participate in the 4 Way test. The students then introduced themselves, the winners were announced, and the first place winner, Brayden Sullivan, read his essay. Brayden now advances to the districts in Findlay.



### Program

The guest speaker was Craig Riedel, who is the state representative for the 82 District of the Ohio House of Representatives. The 82<sup>nd</sup> covers Defiance, Palding, Van Wert and the northwest portion of Auglaize (Wapak and St. Marys) counties. Craig was a Civil Engineer for 25 years and then retired and pursued a political career.

Craig provided an overview of SGR5 (aka Issue 1), which addresses Congressional redistricting and will be on the May 8 ballot. This issue has completed bipartisan support. He then shared some highlights for the recently passed Capital budget, including monies that were directed to Auglaize County. The City of SM will receive money for splash pad, NB for bike paths, Wapak for the Neil Armstrong museum, and some money is going to the lake.

Craig provided updates on proposed legislation with which he is directly involved. He introduced Right to Work legislation that does not appear to have a future in the Statehouse. He is involved with a bill that diverts part of each year's surplus into a government road improvement fund. He is in the process of starting a bill for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Neil Armstrong's walk on the moon. He's open to ideas for how to honor the anniversary. The State of Ohio is in solid fiscal shape. We have a workforce shortage and the algae issue needs to be fixed.

### Queen of Hearts

Alex Pittman's number was drawn, but the Queen eluded him.

### Upcoming Programs

- 4/4 The Hurlberts, the R.O.C.
- 4/11 County Commissioner Candidate Debate
- 4/18 Lake Campus Water Quality Center
- 4/25 Sarah Kelsey, Rhinestone Lipgloss

### Upcoming Greeters

- 4/4 Scott Nuttle
- 4/11 Joe Burke
- 4/18 Bob Leugers

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**

