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April 4, 2018

Call to Order

President Jeff Squire opened the meeting and Bill Maki offered the invocation.

Guests were Mary Miller and Brooke Gray from St. Marys City Schools, and Gary, Leslie and Sophie James. Sophie is a sixth grader and thanked Rotary for the donation and opportunity to go to Air Camp.

Kevin Lawler led the singing of "When the Saints go Marching In."

Happy Dollars

John Wale was happy for a recent trip to New Orleans, a successful surgery, and a chance at the Queen. Bill Maki was happy for a wonderful Holy Week, a great Easter, and for

Kathy Sampson brought him heaters when his heat went out on Easter. Ellen Hunter was happy for the Victor House drive, for Holy Rosary donating a grill to Victor House, and encouraged members to keep the donations coming. Zach Farrell was happy for the upcoming Carp derby on June 1-3 and for the sponsorship deadline of April 15. Kraig Noble was happy for the Michigan won on Saturday, and trip to Pittsburgh. Charles Richtmyer was happy for Villanova's win and the donation he received at last week's meeting. Dan Burke was happy for his daughter Megan winning her work's basketball pool.

Fines

Travis Elsass levied group fines for anyone who doesn't have their taxes finished, anyone not registered for the district conference, anyone who had their window open and then closed them for snow, and anyone who didn't attend Easter Sunday service.

Announcements

- Administrative Professional's Day is April 25th, sign up if bringing a guest(s).
- Next Gears and Cheers on April 12 featuring Larry Hammond.
- Paint for Polio event on May 11 at 6:00 at the Eagles. Tickets are \$45 and only 30 will be sold.
- Send Randy Elsass questions for the Commissioner's debate.
- Ellen Schloemer sent a thank you for her award from the 4 Way Test Essay Contest.
- Kraig is presenting on the history of SM Rotary at the library on April 18 at 6:00pm. Rotary will

also be featured in the library's display case.

- District Conference in Toledo on May 18-20. Hotel rooms will be released on April 17.

Program

Today's speaker was Joe Hurlbert from The ROC and Victor House. Victor house is a temporary transitional house for men 18 years or older. Residents can be coming out of prison or rehab, and they typically have an Auglaize County tie. They pay \$400 per month, and a full time residential manager lives on site. There is a minimum six month stay in order to complete the program, but there is no maximum time limit on a stay. The goal is that the residents will be able to live independently when they leave.

Currently, there are five men living there, which is the most they have ever had. Most residents work, and all have saving accounts and are required to take classes on budgeting. All attend a church and bible study. All are involved in recovery programs and have a 9:00 curfew. Sometimes residents have relapses, but Victor House will give second or more chances. At maximum capacity, the house can hold six residents plus the manager. Sunday night meals continue to be popular, with an average of 25-30 people in attendance.

The ROC is working on is fundraising to build a house for Carol Hardein's daughter, who was paralyzed in a motorcycle accident. They have raised \$51K for her from grants and donations. They want to raise \$60K before they start building.

On May 3, a new fundraiser called Fashion with a Flair will be held at Moon City Event Center. Tickets are \$15 each or tables for \$100. Each group chooses a hat prior to the event, and then they purchase the outfit that goes with the hat, only spending \$25-30. One member will model the hat and outfit at the event, and then outfit will be auctioned off. Group whose outfit gets the highest bid will win a pizza party.



Queen of Hearts

Keith Fledderjohnn's number was drawn, but the Queen eluded him.

Upcoming Programs

- 4/11 Commissioner Debate
- 4/18 Lake Campus Water Quality Center
- 4/25 Sarah Kelsey, Rhinestone Lipgloss

Upcoming Greeters

- 4/11 Joe Burke
- 4/18 Bob Leugers
- 4/25 Phil Schumann

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**

