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Call to Order

President Jeff Squire opened and Sue Pittman offered the invocation.

Rotarians Rex Katterheinrich (NB/NK) & Tom Stinebaugh (Wapak) joined the meeting. Guests included Don Regula (County Commissioner), Greg Foxhoven (Mike Burkholder), April Smith & Karen Elsass (Travis Elsass), Shanna Barnes (Abby Balster), Deb Zwez (former member), Jack Preston (Mayor McGowan), Jan Heinrich (Jim H.), Teresa Schultz & Jack Dowling (Evening Leader), William Kincaid (Daily Standard), and Bill Ruane with MHS seniors—Abby Tuttle, Natalie Ginter, Jacob Tobin, Sam Young, Jamie Dabis, Michael Dietz, McKenna Mele, and Cassie Menchhofer.

Kevin Lawler led the singing of “The Battle Hymn of the Republic” & “Happy Birthday” to Kraig Noble.



Happy Dollars

President Jeff was happy for being runner-up in trivia contest tie-breaker; Abby Balster for her guest and daughter’s recovery from car accident; Beth Noneman for Rotary display cases at Library; Bob Leugers for his 37th wedding anniversary; and Kevin Lawler for the benefits of public debate. Ellen Hunter donated \$100 in honor of grandmother’s 100th birthday party. Bev Wilker was happy for Kaitland Keene winning our 4-way test contest (on to District competition); Alex Pittman for Paint for Polio event; Zach Ferrall for District Assembly training (4/28/18); and Keith F. for chance at Queen.

Fines

Finemaster Ron Gorby fined several members who were missing badges. In keeping with the political debater them, he also fined Republicans and Democrats \$1.00 and Independents got off for \$0.75.

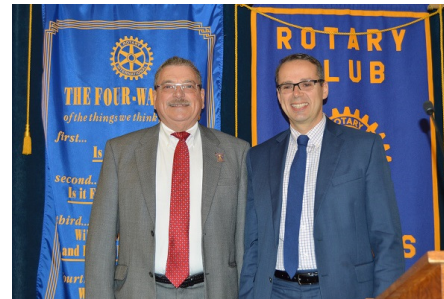
Announcements

- Larry Hammond speaking at Gears & Cheers on 4/12/18 at J.T.’s; next meeting on 4/26/18

- Kraig Noble talk re: Club history at Library (6:00 PM, 4/18/18)
- Still collecting canned food, cleaning supplies, & hygiene items for Victor House (see Ellen H. if questions)
- Administrative Professionals Day program on 4/25/18; RSVP for your guests
- Interact Club helping Agape pack bags for weekend meal program at 2:45 PM, on 4/26/18
- Family of Rotary fishing day at Wes Protsman’s house on 5/5/18—all welcome to sign up
- Paint for Polio event planned for 5/11/18; see sign-up sheet to join

Program

Randy Elsass moderated today’s debate between contenders for the Board of County Commissioner’s seat. Incumbent, Doug Spencer is a lifelong resident of Auglaize County. He taught history and government at MHS for 12 years before his election to the Board. Patrick McGowan was also born in St. Marys. After ~40 years of hi-tech business experience, he returned to serve as Mayor, City of St. Marys.



Each candidate got to address several pre-arranged questions on a variety of topics, including ideas for promoting the interests of Auglaize County, budgeting for

unfunded mandates, and the status of savings for future capital projects.

Addressing the lack of women in local public offices, both candidates would promote programs that encourage both male and female students to explore and pursue careers in public office from an early age.

Commissioner Spencer closed by reflecting on past successes such as the Courthouse renovation that were completed during his term with no new debt. He stressed the motto, “Great Past, Greater Future”. Mayor McGowan plans to draw upon his years of ‘big project’ know-how and local government experience to help solve future issues for Auglaize County citizens.

Queen of Hearts

Ron Gorby’s ticket was picked, but he could not find the Queen.

Upcoming Programs

- 4/18 Dr. Stephen Jacqueman & Dr. Greg Homan (Wright State Water Quality Center)
- 4/25 Sarah Kelsey, (Rhinstone Lipgloss--Admin. Prof. Day)
- 5/2 Marissa Lewis (Glitter & Gold)
- 5/9 Alyssa Putman (JTDMH Clear Passage Program Director)

Upcoming Greeters

- 4/18 Bob Leugers
- 4/25 Phil Schumann
- 5/2 Gayle Masonbrink
- 5/9 Larry Hammond

The meeting was adjourned after recitation of the “Four Way Test”.

