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Rotary Club No. 3503

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May 9, 2018

Call to Order

President Jeff Squire opened the meeting and Alex Pittman offered the invocation.

Guests included Alyssa Putman (speaker and guest of Linda Haines), Jake Dowling (The Evening Leader), Dave Waltermire (Kathy Bayless), Jami Goecke (Renee Homan), Jan Heinrich (Jim Heinrich) and students from Memorial High School.

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

Happy Dollars

Happy dollars were started by Pre. Jeff for Wes opening his house for Family of Rotary event, Beth Noneman for PT job helping with earrings, Rev Bill Maki for Brad Eberly and Myrtle Beach, Morgan

Paul was happy about 2 Morgans at her table, Randy Elsass for his trip to Argentina and rain for mushrooms, Linda Haines for speaker Alyssa Putman and nurses week, Ellen Hunter for Trish/Wes's family of rotary event, Bev Wilker for chance at Queen and Mike's successful surgery, Kevin Lawler for destruction equipment at house and Health/wellness open house at the Gathering on May 17th, Alex Pittman for Paint for Polio event Friday, May 11th from 6-8 p.m., Wes Protsman for rotary event, and Paint for Polio –if you bring 2 more your fee will be waived, Emily Post for 1st happy dollar and her 3rd anniversary.

Fines

Ron Gorby did the fining today and people were fined for missing badges, forgetfulness (Pres. Jeff & Kathy Sampson), mushrooms (Randy Elsass), all members that saved money from income tax levy not passing, if you didn't attend the family of rotary, if you haven't been mushroom hunting, or if you haven't been on the Lake yet for boating or jet skiing.

Announcements & Presentations

- Proposed member Bill Ruane
- Checks were presented to Robbie Burke for the Auglaize County Crisis Center, Linda Haines for the JTDMH Foundation (\$1,000) and Gary Newton for the Mongolian Mission (\$5,000).
- Zack passed out a hard copy of next year's committees & an email went out as well.
- Paint for Polio event on May 11 at 6:00 at the Eagles.
- Gears and Cheers on Thursday at Versailles Winery at 7 pm.

- Annual Banquet will be held on June 28th at 6 p.m. (No meeting on Wed. June 27th)
- Dan Burke inducted/welcomed our newest member David Waltermire (proposed by Kathy Bayless). David is the Business Development Coordinator at Midwest Electric.



Program

Zach introduced our speaker, Alyssa Putman, from the Clear Passage Geriatric Behavioral

Health Unit at JTDMH.

Ms. Putman started her presentation with some statistics about mental health.

One in four Americans suffer from Mental

illness. Only 44% seek help. There are a million suicide attempts each year with 44,000 of them being successful attempts.

The Clear Passage Unit deals with mental illness in the geriatric population. Many might ask why elderly? But the elderly is the #1 age group for suicide attempts. The Clear Passage unit offers 12 private rooms and their unit focuses on the complete health of an individual. They provide group therapy, activities which



include 6 group therapy sessions, individual counseling with families, caregiver education, psychiatric treatment, Speech, Occupational and Physical therapy and dealing with their medical component as well. Clear passage offers a very therapeutic environment that encourages the patient to get better. A typical stay at Clear Passage is from about 7-14 days.

Ms. Putman ended her speaking event by challenging the Rotarians to educate themselves more about mental illness and help to change the stigma associated with mental illness. Be part of the change.

Queen of Hearts

Robbie Burke got a chance at the Queen but didn't find her.

Upcoming Programs

- 5/16 Tom Knapke, Lake Restoration Commission
- 5/23 Jack Waite, Tailspin Brewery
- 5/30 Bob Warren, Aug Co. Council on Aging
- 6/6 Gretchen Rentz WSULC Alumni Connections

Upcoming Greeters

- 5/16 Mike Burkholder
- 5/23 Dick Hudson
- 5/30 Alisher Khudaykulov
- 6/6 Brad Seitz

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**

