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Rotary Club No. 3503

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Call to Order

President Jeff Squire opened the meeting and Kevin Lawler gave the invocation, which focused on supporting those who are aging. The Club then recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests / Song / Birthdays

Guests included Bob Warren, our speaker from Auglaize County Council on Aging; Steve Smith from the New Bremen/New Knoxville Rotary Club; and Jake Dowling from the Evening Leader.

Rita Hilty led the singing of "You're a Grand Old Flag," and in turn, we sang "Happy Birthday" to her.

Happy Dollars / Fines

President Jeff was happy for a Memorial Day Weekend that included rain for his newly planted

garden. Rita was happy for her rousing birthday song. Abby Balster was happy for Donut Day at the Police and Fire Department this week. Kraig Noble was happy for his first boat outing of the season. Linda Haines enjoyed her holiday with grandchildren and Wes Protsman thanked the club for participation in Arts Place Quarter Auction.



Rita Hilty levied "trivia" fines. Our knowledge was solid, but there were group fines for forgetting to wear the Rotary Badge, those who had yet to grill out, those who have yet to sign up for the July Banquet, and anyone who has complained about the early summer heat or who hasn't had the experience of eating fresh strawberries from the garden.



Announcements / Presentations

- Jeff did a great job at last week's Gears & Cheers if he does say so himself.
- Jeff's last board meeting is next week at 10:45 AM. New board members are invited to attend, as are any other Rotary members.

- Lest you think "it's all about Jeff," Zach reminded us all about the Carp Derby being held this weekend. Volunteers are needed from 10 AM – 2 PM on Saturday and 10 AM – Noon on Sunday. There are clean jobs available. Zach expects a big crowd catching big fish!

Program

Zach introduced our speaker, Bob Warren, an '83 SMHS graduate and current executive director at Auglaize County Council for Aging.



Bob thanked SMRC for the March 8 meal. He went on to share highlights of services and activities:

- The Council started in 1976 in the back of a local drug store
- The St. Marys Senior Citizens Club donated the current building
- The Council is a 501 (c)(3) non profit
- It receives funding from various government entities in addition to civic organizations, private donations and United Way

- The Council provides food items/paper goods from bingo events for seniors
- One of the largest programs is transportation services; the van has put 250,000 miles on the road
- Another program Vet to Vet connects those with stories about their service
- Socialization for the elderly is a critical concern
- 22 employees work at the Council
- The Council operates in an environment of creative problem solving in an ever-changing funding environment

Queen of Hearts

New member, Tami Goecke won the chance to draw for the queen, but she still lives.



Upcoming Programs

6/6 Gretchen Rentz- WSLC

Alumni Connections

6/13 Tina Seewer Jacob

6/20 Nick Rentz – LIA

Upcoming Greeters

6/6 Brad Seitz

6/13 Abby Balster

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

*** Rotarians scheduled to greet, please be in place by 11:30 a.m.**

