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Call to Order

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

Rotarian, Mel Honig (Sylvania) joined the meeting. Guests included Bri Copeland (guest of Jami Goecke), Jan Heinrich (guest of Jim), Jim Dieringer (Boys State), and Jenna Gilbert (Evening Leader). Kraig Noble led the singing of "Vive le Rotary". No birthdays.

Happy Dollars/Fines

President Jeff was happy to join the Carp Derby; Brian Botti for 100+ scouts at Celina Day Camp; Lori Martensen for WSLC colleagues; Rita Hilty for transition to 'Otterbein Senior Life'; and Jamie Goecke for her guest, Bri

Copeland, Admissions & Marketing Director for Vancrest. Abby Balster added a dollar for "Donut Day"; Alex Pittman for speakers; Kimberli Rompilla for father's birthday, for child's hair donation to "Wigs for Kids" program, and for re-uniting with adopted sister; Tami Sanford for grandsons' sleep-over; and Zach Ferrall for sponsors and assistance with Carp Derby and for father's successful surgery.



Finemaster, Tammy Sanford, fined Jeff Vossler and Alex Pittman w/o badges; those wearing jeans; Ellen Hunter for new hair style; and President Jeff for not smiling for his picture. Group fines for those not employed by WSLC and those who haven't enjoyed a walk today.

Announcements

- "Paint for Polio" event yielded \$1,800 for Polio Plus program
- Carp Derby netted \$3,000 after prizes; 100 participants joined; largest fish weighed 20.3 lbs.; many thanks to Zach Ferrall and all sponsors and volunteers
- Board reported resignations of Renee Homan & Rebecca Regnet due to changes in home/work
- Next Gears & Cheers features Jami Goecke (6PM, 6/7 at J.T.'s)

- Rotary Workday planned for 6/23/18 to clean up park area near community pool
- REMINDER: Annual Banquet scheduled for Thur., 7/12/18—please RSVP; No meetings on Wed., 7/4/18 or on 7/11/18
- President Jeff presented \$300 check to Jim Dieringer for Buckeye Boys State



Program

Gretchen Rentz, Community Development Director for Wright State Lake Campus, and Kip Wright, Alumni Network President, presented our program. Gretchen related that the Lake Campus was originally affiliated with Ohio Northern University. In 1962, the Western Ohio Educational Foundation (WOEF) was formed and classes began in Celina.



In 1969, the Lake Campus became a branch (later a regional campus) of Wright State University. With the support of the university and WOEf Board, WSLC

now offers a growing number of Bachelor and Masters programs. Dormitories were built for boarding students in 2010, 2014, and 2017. With ~28 students coming from outside the State of Ohio, there's a waiting list for dorm rooms. As part of WSLC's growth, a 15,000 square foot extension for Andrews Hall is planned--to house the nursing and science programs, and a library.

Kip Wright explained that there are ~7,000 members of the Alumni Network in the local five-county area. Alumni often serve as ambassadors for future students and assist current students seeking co-op or internship opportunities. Kip also stressed the importance of community engagement—through athletic, cultural, and social events as well as annual giving programs. The Alumni Network promotes a life-long relationship with the university to help secure vital support for the next generation of students.

Queen of Hearts

Kathy Bayless had the winning ticket, but didn't find the Queen.

Upcoming Programs

6/13 Tina Seewer Jacobs-Cuba trip

6/20 Nick Rentz, LIA

Upcoming Greeters

6/13 Abby Balster

6/20 Kraig Noble

6/27 Abby Balster

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

