



## THE COG

Rotary Club No. 3503

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June 20, 2018

### Call to Order

President Jeff Squire opened the meeting and Charles Richtmyer offered the invocation.

Guest Rotarian Steve Smith (NB/NK) joined the meeting. Other guests were Jan Heinrich (guest of Jim), Nick Rentz (LIA), Stephanie Kramer, (honorary member and Interact Club Advisor), and Jake Dowling (*The Evening Leader*).

Kraig Noble led the singing of "In the Good Old Summertime", as well as "Happy Birthday" to Joe Burke.

### Happy Dollars

Jeff Squire was happy for Craig and others who went to the Lima Concert Band's recent performance. The band will be in Celina this

Sunday at 6:30. Dan Burke was happy for closing on loan for the new stadium. Things are really going to start happening now. Thanks for all who donated. Julie Kramer was happy for taking her daughter to Chicago this past weekend. Randy Elsass was happy for seeing the Grand Canyon and eleven states on vacation. He was also happy for recent for getting the all clear after having surgery on skin on back. Tami was happy for having all 4 grandsons for Father's Day. Steve Smith was happy for his recent European vacation. Bill Maki had five happy dollars, one for Keith Fledderjohann (just because) and four for raising over \$8,300 with the Walk for Water. Travis Elsass was happy for making a 50 foot putt for birdie, even though his round was rained out so it didn't count. Kraig Noble was happy for an excellent performance by the Lima Concert band and gave a shout out for the sax section leader, our own Jeff Squire.

### Fines

Jeff and Zach were exempt from fines for being a great president and president-elect. All fines included anyone who has not signed up for banquet and anyone who has not been in/on the lake.

### Announcements

- Rotary Workday planned for 9:00 AM, on Saturday, 6/23/18 to spread mulch, perform landscaping, and clean up park area near community pool; **Update: June 23<sup>rd</sup> workday has been cancelled.**

- **REMINDER:** No meetings on Wed., 7/4/18 or on 7/11/18
- Annual Banquet scheduled for Thur., 7/12/18—send your RSVP to Kathy Sampson
- Zach Ferrall sent out proposed list of committee assignments for 2018-2019 Rotary year; Let him know immediately if you have questions



### Program

Nick Rentz is President of the Lake Improvement Association. The LIA was founded in 1946 by lake business and cottage owners. In 1947, it came out with a 15 point plan that addressed many of the issues we are currently facing (educate farmers, watch for erosion, minimize rough fish, etc). The LIA helped promote the lake early on and became the source for information on the lake. In 2010, the LIA became the center of lake cleanup efforts. Now the LIA focuses on education, getting people involved, fundraising events, lobbying, holding monthly meetings, supporting all lake organizations, and to improving safety on GLSM. LIA is comprised of an eleven member executive board and has over 1,500 dues-paying individuals and businesses.

Over 750,000 people visit the lake every year.

Highlights of LIA activities in the last 6 months include: helped fund grant match to repair and filter waterways of Mercer Co. Elks, helped fund grant match for the removal of Phosperous in Beaver creek watershed, gave \$5K for new safety boat to cover all of GLSM, donated \$2,500 for new sonar/rescue equipment, and held debate for the 84th primary district candidates

The Summer Kick off is June 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Villa Nova shelter house.

There will be activities for all ages, including a Fun run, bands, kids' inflatables, cornhole tournament, and beer pong tournament.

Annual membership to LIA is just \$20.

### Queen of Hearts

Dan Burke was the lucky Burke-of-the-week, but the queen eluded him.

### Upcoming Programs

6/27 Kraig Noble, Club history  
No meetings July 4 and 11  
7/18 Zach Ferrall  
7/25 Ron Stoner, clean H2O

### Upcoming Greeters

6/27 Abby Balster

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**

