



## THE COG

Rotary Club No. 3503

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July 18, 2018

### Call to Order

President Zach Ferrall opened the meeting and Sue Pittman offered the invocation.

Guests included Bill Ruane (guest of Dan Burke and prospective new member), Jan Heinrich (guest of Jim), and Jake Dowling (Evening Leader).

Zach Ferrall led the singing of “Vive le Rotary” & “Happy Birthday” to Jeff Squire and Brian Botti.

### Happy Dollars/Fines

President Zach was happy for a great annual banquet and for the start of a new Rotary year; Jeff Squire for Kathy Sampson and her committee who planned/executed the banquet; Ellen Hunter for

receiving “Rotarian of the Year” honors; and Kathy Sampson was \$10-happy for those who assisted with the banquet. Lori Martensen was happy for Friends of Library book sale (1<sup>st</sup> wk Aug)—bring books from 7/20; Dan Burke for guest Bill Ruane and work starting for Sports Complex; Alisher (\$20) for trip to Uzbekistan hometown—1<sup>st</sup> time in 18 years; Beth Noneman for 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary; Gary Newton for 8<sup>th</sup> Rotary club to join Mongolian project; and Sue Pittman for Arts Fest (1<sup>st</sup> wk Aug., entries due 7/19).

Randy Elsass levied fines for a wide variety of trivia questions from the vehicle driven by Mexican President to Zach’s wife’s name to the Helsinki Summit meeting. Others fined if they had not travelled to Kenya, had not won a 50-50 drawing, or had not won Queen drawing in past Rotary year.

### Announcements

- Jeff Squire got a surprise birthday cake. Happy 50<sup>th</sup>, Jeff!!



- Next Gears & Cheers to feature Kevin Lawler—7/26/18 at J.T.’s
- Working on Rotary float for SummerFest Parade (8/11/18); Theme: “Back to the ‘80’s, 35 years of SummerFest”; see Gayle Masonbrink or Pres. Zach to help

- Small Acts of Kindness committee will again collect school supplies for students; see Trisha Barnes to donate
- Family of Rotary outing—Dayton Dragons game on 8/31/18—see Ellen Hunter to RSVP
- Rotary to host State Rep. debate on 10/3/18 between Craig Riedel and challenger, Arden Baker
- Bill Ruane has been nominated for membership. Anyone with comments may notify President Zach Ferrall.
- In case you forgot, dues are due
- Cards are appreciated for Kathy Bayless who is going through some medical issues
- Jeff Squire gave gifts to Ned, Tom, and Kathy from Eagles for their past service to our club



### Program

As President for the 2018-19 Rotary year, Zach Ferrall addressed the club for his first meeting, outlining his vision for the year ahead. With a theme of “Engage”, he asked members to focus on the ‘basics’ that make Rotary a great organization. He presented a new Club banner that lists our long-standing traditions and past projects. He also challenged us to continue looking for new activities and events that can help us attract

even more new members and to sustain our growth in the future.

Zach went on to explain the roles of Rotary officers as well as the avenues of service—including club, community, vocational, and international. Although Zach would like input from members, he offered a few new ideas to enhance current programs, such as holding occasional meetings in the local community, using social media to help preview meetings and events, identifying important City projects where Rotary can help, and providing greater support and mentoring for the Interact group.



### Queen of Hearts

Dan Burke drew, but did not find the Queen.

### Upcoming Programs

7/25 Ron Stoner/Tim Ryan, Rotary

Sri Lanka Water Project

8/1 SummerFest Preview

8/8 Wes Protsman, Arts Place

### Upcoming Greeters

7/25 Pat Cogan

8/1 Linda Haines

8/8 Beth Noneman

