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Call to Order

President Zach Ferrall opened the meeting and Charles Richtmyer offered the invocation.

Guests included Jan Heinrich (guest of Jim), Ken Strickland, Ron Stoner and Tim Ryan.



Kraig Noble led the singing of "In the Good Old Summertime" & "Happy Birthday" to Laia Zink(?) and Dan Hosek.

Happy Dollars/Fines

Travis Elsass was happy that he was getting his water back on, Julie Kraner for a trip to Alaska, Jeff Squire for zip-lining on his birthday, Jami Goeke for the building progress, Dan Hosek for AAP's 30th, Laia for getting married and honeymooning in Jamaica, Kevin Lawler for speaking at Gears and Cheers, and Charles Richtmyer for Scott Steinecker's stadium support.

Randy Elsass fined Emily Post for sitting next to Ellen all the time, John Coe for wearing a sweater, and then a bunch of people for missing trivia questions. He then strafed the room with group fines to make sure everyone helped support the scholarship fund.

Announcements

- There is a committee sheet posted on the bulletin board in the meeting room if you need to check out your assignments.
- Next Gears & Cheers to feature Kevin Lawler—7/26/18 at J.T.'s
- 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
- There is a hole on the top of the Free Little Libraries. Anyone with thoughts for a solution please see Morgan
- In case you forgot, dues are due

Program

PE Travis introduced Tim Ryan, Rotarian from the Toledo Club. Tim and Ron Stoner, from the BG Club, came down today to report on the Sri Lanka water filtration project that our club and district supported. Sri Lanka is a small island off the coast of India, and agricultural practices have poisoned the ground water for a large part of the island with heavy metals, creating a crisis with kidney disease.



Tim showed a very nicely produced video showing the need, the filters, and the dedication ceremonies of many of the filtration houses. District 6600 leadership was well represented.



It costs about US\$12,000.00 to put in the reverse osmosis filter plant into a village. The village must have a central water source and electricity to qualify for a well. The original grant was for ten plants, but they think they will be able to construct twelve.

There is also a large educational part to the grant so that the locals learn how to use the plant and to maintain it. There is a very nominal charge that is paid by the people getting the water that is used towards maintenance costs, and to give the people a sense of ownership.

Tim described the conditions that lead to the need for the filtration plants. The medical system was being overwhelmed by kidney disease, with 15,000 patients being served by a 60 bed hospital. With the new filtration plants, about 14,000 people now have access to clean water and have been saved from contracting kidney disease.

Queen of Hearts

Abby Balster drew, but did not find the Queen.

Upcoming Programs

8/1 SummerFest Preview
8/8 Wes Protsman, Arts Place
8/15 Galen Cisco

Upcoming Greeters

8/1 Linda Haines
8/8 Beth Noneman
8/15 Randy Elsass

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**

