



THE COG

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Call to Order

President Zach Ferrall called the meeting to order and Charles Richtmyer offered the invocation.

Guests included Harry Fritchen and Win Meek from the Mansfield club, Theresa Dowling from The Evening Leader, and Jan Heinrich (guest of Jim).

Song Leader Kraig Noble led a singing of "Viva La Rotary". There were no birthdays.

Happy Dollars

Pres. Zach was happy that they solved the mystery of the explosion, Linda Haines for a chance at the queen and the Foundation's Golf Classic September 7th, Ellen for all the Rotarians who came to the

grand opening of her newest location and for Waynestock, Bill Ruane for school starting, Kraig Noble for a visit to Jeff Squire's house and boating with Rebecca Regnet, Jim Heinrich for PDG David Daugherty visiting today as our MESA speaker, Dan Hosek for a big family vacation, Gary Newton for our guests today and Randy Elsass for football season starting.

Fines

Randy Elsass fined Emily Post and Ellen Hunter for sitting at the same table again, Robbie Burke, Julie Kraner, Laia Zink and Dan Burke for getting questions wrong, and then a whole litany of group fines that pretty much got everybody else.

Announcements

- Dues are due
- Gears and Cheers will be Thursday with Frank Klatt. JT's at 6:00.
- DR Maris Brenner will do our club visit on September 19th. Mark your calendars as we want a strong showing for her.
- The Dayton Dragons Family of Rotary Event is August 31st. See Ellen for tickets.

Program

PE Travis Elsass (wearing his MESA Bike Tour jersey) introduced PDG David Daugherty. David has been in Rotary since 1974, has been the president of two different Rotary Clubs and is one of our District's PDG. David thanked us for hosting him today and acknowledged PDG's Jim and Gary. He also recognized Frank C.

Murray and Don Hinckley and the work that both of them did for the district.

David was here today to talk about MESA, which stands for Medical Equipment and Supplies Abroad. It is a 501(c)(3) not for profit corporation that is part of District 6600. It is a district wide program run by district Rotarians. Every member of a Rotary Club in District 6600 is also a dues paying member of MESA.



MESA obtains used but usable medical equipment from local care providers who no longer have a need for it. The equipment is sorted, cleaned and stored in the MESA owned warehouse in Fostoria, Ohio. It gets packed into shipping containers and sent around the world. They really look for low tech devices that we no longer use but that can be used in developing countries. Donations must be in working order, not expired and not perishable.

There has to be a Rotary Club in the receiving country. This helps with customs and transportation and also ensures that it gets to the ultimate end user and will be used for its intended purpose.

MESA is funded through membership fees paid by all the members in the district and by the MESA Bike Tour, which ran from May 31 to June 5 this year. It runs through a different part of the district each year and for 2018 it raised almost \$55,000.00. The largest single expense for MESA is shipping. MESA has sent equipment to about 20 different countries.



Pres. Zach presented our club's donation to MESA.

Queen of Hearts

Jim Harris held the winning ticket, but the queen lives.

Upcoming Programs

- 8/29 Coach Doug Frye
- 9/5 Red Cross Blood Drive
- 9/12 Buckeye Trail

Upcoming Greeters

- 8/29 Brian Botti
- 9/5 Julie Kraner
- 9/12 Trisha Barnes

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

