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Rotary Club No. 3503

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September 26, 2018

### Call to Order

President Zach Ferrall opened the meeting and Charles Richtmyer offered the invocation and a short tribute for Kathy Bayless.

Guests included Paul Enneking and Tim Jay (today's program), Mike Wilker (guest of Bev), Jan Heinrich (guest of Jim), and Jake Dowling (Leader).

Jeff Squire led the singing of "I'm Looking over a Four-Leaf Clover" & "Happy Birthday" to Travis Elsass.

### Happy Dollars/Fines

Travis Elsass was happy for wins by St. Marys, Minster, Buckeyes, and Browns, for weather & his birthday; Dan Burke for Bucks and for Riders being #1 in State; Brian

Botti for popcorn sales and end of Browns' 19-game winless streak; Bill Ruane for kickoff of School Levy campaign; and Jeff Squire for playing for Van Wert musical. Bev Wilker added money for having her husband as a guest and for West Virginia football; Trisha Barnes for Waynesfield-Goshen being game of the week; Abby Balster for memory of Kathy Bayless; and Gary Newton for 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary and for re-tracing his honeymoon trip



Jeff Squire was fined for not picking better song (e.g., 99 bottles of beer on the wall); Several members fined for Oktoberfest trivia; and fines levied against those who did not attend or work at 2017 Oktoberfest, and those who have not had recent birthday, wedding, or trip to Cleveland.

### Announcements

- Thank you letters received for donations for MESA and for dictionaries and school supplies
- Collection for Agape holiday food drive (during October) is dedicated to memory of Kathy Bayless; Agape's distribution of food starts 10/30/18
- Mark your calendars for Halloween Parade on 10/23/18; sign up for Pizza for Polio at VFW (following parade)

- Debate between Representative Jim Jordan and challenger, Janet Garrett to be hosted by New Bremen/New Knoxville Club at New Bremen American Legion (10/30/18)
- Club Auction to be held 10/31/18; see Julie Kraner with items for auction

### Program

Paul Enneking and Tim Jay joined our program to preview the 44<sup>th</sup> annual Minster Oktoberfest. Paul has been on the Oktoberfest Board for 18 years, serving this year in his third term as President.



The idea for a German heritage festival was initiated by the newly-formed Kiwanis and Journeyman's Clubs back in 1975 to raise money for community causes. Beer sales became a major part of the fundraising (what a surprise), with record of 996 barrels sold in 1982 (Minster's sesquicentennial year). Recent events have provided funding for the Village of Minster to, in turn, benefit about 22 non-profit school and local service groups.

This year's festival is set for October 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup>, and will include traditional German music, a 10k run, classic car show, and contests such as the beer tray relay and jug hoist. Up to 80,000 have attended past festivals—some travelling from other states and even from Europe. Up to 80 arts and crafts vendors are expected, as well. Even if the Budweiser Clydesdales don't attend, Minster Oktoberfest is always one of the premier fall festivals in the Midwest.

### Queen of Hearts

Mike Makley drew for Queen, but found the Joker and had to share \$5 with Tami Sanford.



### Upcoming Programs

- 10/3 Craig Riedel, Arden Baker – State Representative debate
- 10/10 Sara Chongson, Lima Rotary
- 10/17 Greg Kuck, Mission Projects
- 10/24 Mike Doseck, Bees

### Upcoming Greeters

- 10/3 Alex Pittman
- 10/10 Tami Sanford
- 10/17 Gary Newton
- 10/24 Alex Pittman

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**

