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### Call to Order

President Zach Ferrall opened the meeting and Bill Maki offered the invocation.

Visiting Rotarians included Brent Henschen and Rex Katterheinrich (New Knoxville/New Bremen), Nancy Hamilton (Maumee), and Andrew Augsburger (Wapak). Guests included Karen Pepple (guest of Randy Elsass), Rev. Tim Benjamin (guest of Ellen Hunter), April Elsass (guest of Travis), Jon Burke (MHS Principal w/ students), Lisa Ruppert, Sandy Mast & Tracy Lauth (Tailgate for Cancer), Celia Baker, Wendy Baker, Vivian Baker & Terry Baker (guests of Aden Baker), Jan Heinrich (guest of Jim), Teresa & Jake Dowling (Evening Leader), Josh Ellerbrock

& Brian Reynolds (Lima News), and Eran Hani (WLIO-TV).

President Zach asked the Club to forego the song, happy dollars & fines, leaving more time for debate.

### Announcements

- MHS students were welcomed during today's meeting
- Lisa Ruppert, Sandy Mast, and Tracy Lauth joined today to promote the 2018 Tailgate for Cancer, held on 10/13/18 at the Eagles parking lot
- Collection for Agape holiday food drive (during October) is dedicated to memory of Kathy Bayless; Agape's distribution of food starts 10/30/18
- Members are asked to assemble in the Chestnut Street parking lot for Halloween Parade at 5:15 pm, 10/23/18; sign up for 'Pizza for Polio' at VFW (\$10/person, after 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

Randy Elsass moderated today's debate between candidates for the 82<sup>nd</sup> Ohio House district seat that serves Defiance, Paulding, Van Wert counties, as well as part of Auglaize County.

The incumbent, Mr. Riedel, grew up on a farm outside of Attica, Ohio. Craig has a Civil Engineering degree and served in various positions over 27 years with Nucor

Vulcraft Group. He retired in 2015 to pursue his passion for public service.



Mr. Baker grew up on a farm near Grover Hill, Ohio. Aden offered tributes to family members who inspired him to seek public office, seeing this as an opportunity to be a champion of the 'little guy'.



Each candidate had the chance to respond to questions provided in advance. On the question of the school funding formula, both candidates saw this as unfair, with farmers and some wealthy school districts bearing an extra burden.

Both candidates support the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment. However, Mr. Baker favored computerizing the gun registry to provide better control, while Mr. Riedel favored better background checks, but hesitated to allow the government to manage the gun registry system.

As for the largest policy change each would support, Mr. Baker felt Kasich tax cuts to balance the budget left some vital programs

unfunded. These programs could perhaps be funded by block grants or zero-interest loans. Mr. Riedel recognized that pockets of poverty still exist, but felt that better jobs would help—especially if Ohio becomes a Right-To-Work state and is better able to compete with adjacent RTW states.

Other questions focused on topics, such as the Grand Lake watershed, public accounting for travel expenditures by office holders, and ways for promoting more women to run for public offices.

### Queen of Hearts

Jeff Squire found the Queen!!



### Upcoming Programs

10/10 Sara Chongson, Lima Rotary  
10/17 Greg Kuck, Mission Projects  
10/24 Mike Doseck, Bees  
10/31 Rotary Auction

### Upcoming Greeters

10/10 Tami Sanford  
10/17 Gary Newton  
10/24 Alex Pittman  
10/31 Kim Ray

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**

