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November 7, 2018

Call to Order

President Zach Ferrall called the meeting to order at 12:16, and Pastor Bill Maki offered the invocation.

Guests included our speaker, Dale Brunner, of the Dayton YMCA, Jake and Theresa Dowling of the Evening Leader, and John Burke with several high school seniors in tow.

Song Leader Ellen Hunter led "God Bless America" with great enthusiasm, as always. Trisha Barnes celebrated her birthday, and "Happy Birthday Bestie" was sung at Ellen's behest.

Happy Dollars

Zach Ferrall was happy for the Roughriders moving forward in football,

Julie Kraner was happy for our auction the previous week, Randy Elsass clarified the finer points of the Pledge of Allegiance from the debate, Tami Sanford was happy for the Halloween parade, for a trip to Texas, and for having her 3 grandsons over during the weekend, Wes Protsman had a shameless plug for the auction at Art's Place on Thursday 11/15, Ellen was happy for bringing her dad to the auction, Charles Richtmyer was happy for political ads being done, Abby Balster put in a shameless plug for Business After Hours on Monday 11/12, Brian Botti was happy for seeing a license plate that reminded him of home, for raising over \$9000 at a Murder Mystery fundraiser in Lima for Scouts, and for starting a new Cub Scout Pack in Cridersville.



Fines

Finemaster Brian Botti fined several Rotarians on their knowledge of the cult classic film, "Mean Girls," because on Wednesdays, we wear pink.

Announcements

- Gears and Cheers at JT's for 11/8 with Rick Green presenting and trivia night afterward.
- Dues are due.

- There is a board meeting, and the future president elect is being nailed down.
- Shout out to Mike & Bev Wilker for their chicken costumes at the parade and their chicken farm.
- Rotary Talent Show coming in February, aiming to raise ~\$5000.
- Our kids' Christmas party will be December 11.

Program

Dale Brunner has been the president of the Dayton YMCA for 4.5 years, but got his start there in 1992. During his time at the Y, the Dayton YMCA has grown from 3 locations and one camp to 5 locations with one under construction in Xenia, and Dale attributes this success to the Y's consistent strategic planning and fruitful partnerships with organizations like Kettering Health Network, Sinclair Community College, and Judge Dues in Eaton.

The Dayton YMCA is now managing the Auglaize & Mercer Counties YMCA in order to bring similar success to our neck of the woods. The YMCA is aiming to bring in more senior citizens for programs, doing the Safety Around water program which offers free swimming lessons for families, and start more corporate memberships in order to "get more people in the doors." The Y's community engagement campaign will be restarted with a goal of raising \$91k for our YMCAs. Dale noted that Auglaize & Mercer Co. YMCAs have no debt on their facilities, but some specific renovations need made, some HR concerns need hashed out, and staff will be trained for success.

During the Q&A part of the presentation, Dale mentioned that they are looking forward to relationships with Wright State Lake and with Tri Star, that the "Silver Sneakers" program will be getting more active,

and that management will be going back to local hands within two years. Our local hours are 5a-10p on weekdays, 7a-6p on Saturdays, and 1p-5p on Sundays, and four-week classes are free with membership.



Queen of Hearts

Dan Hosek won \$12 but the Queen lives.

Upcoming Programs

11/14 Stock Market, Jeff Robinson
11/21 Interact, Stephanie Kramer
11/28 Moeller Brew Barn, Nick Moeller
12/5 Wright State Lake, Jay Albayyari

Upcoming Greeters

11/14 Mark Ashman
11/21 Larry Hammond
11/28 Wes Protsman
12/5 Mike Lee

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**

