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Rotary Club No. 3503

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Call to Order

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

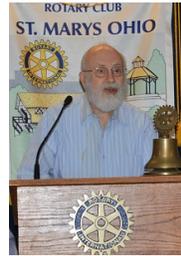
Guests included MHS Interact Club Officers--Clare Caywood, Piper Slone, and Kathryn Elshoff; Luann Lee (guest of Mike); Jan Heinrich (guest of Jim); and Teresa & Jake & Teresa Dowling (Evening Leader).

The Club sang a rousing rendition of "You're a Grand Old Flag" and "Happy Birthday" to Mark Ashman.

Happy Dollars/Fines

President Zach gave a happy dollar for his trip to Disney World and a thank you dollar for Travis Elsass leading last week's meeting; Randy Elsass for his dog being

electronic collar trained; Tami Sanford for grandson's 1st birthday; Travis Elsass for Roughrider and Buckeye wins; and Jim Heinrich for retirement of MESA Warehouse loan (financed by Jim).



Finemaster, Tami Sanford fined Sue & Alex Pittman for sitting together again; Mark Ashman and Zach Ferrall for having their pictures in newspaper without giving happy dollars; Robbie Burke for dressing too much like Mark Ashman (??). The rest of us were asked to kick in \$2 for a list of things for which we should be thankful.

Announcements

- Children's Christmas Party will be at 5:30 pm, 12/11/18 at Eagles
- Club Christmas Party at regular meeting time on 12/19/18
- Meetings for 12/26/18 & 1/2/19 cancelled; No Gears & Cheers on 12/22/18, but all are welcome to join trivia night at 7:00 pm, on 12/21/18 at J.T.'s
- District Nominating Committee (chaired by Gary Newton) has named Mary Aufdenkampe as District Governor Nominee Designate to serve in 2021-22
- District "One Rotary Summit" to be held at 8:30 am to 1:00 pm, on 1/5/19 at Owens Community

College in Findlay--great chance to learn more about Rotary

- District 4-Way Test Contest to be held on 3/24/19; Local Club contest dates TBD
- District Conference will be at Kalahari Resort (5/10 - 5/12/19)

Program

Today's program was presented by Stephanie Kramer and the officers of the Memorial High School (MHS) Interact Club. Stephanie has taught elementary music in St. Marys since 2013 and served as the faculty advisor for the club during its first year. Many of us didn't know that Interact began in the 1960's and, currently, there are about 15,000 clubs in 142 countries.



Although there were already an abundance of student clubs at MHS, the Interact Club attracted a core group of students who joined to:

- Make new friends
- Gain leadership experience
- Network with those who can serve as career mentors
- Take part in community service

All three of the student officers indicated that they have enjoyed the service aspect of Interact the most. In keeping with the mission of Rotary, the MHS Interact Club has carried out a wide variety of service projects, like mentoring programs for elementary school

students, making Christmas ornaments w/ Otterbein residents, and conducting a food drive for The ROC. They also partnered with our Rotary club for the Carp Derby, packaging supplies distributed by Agape, and summer planting project in Rotary Park.

The club has set many goals for 2018-19. They would like to attend a District Interact workshop, join the youth exchange program, and partner with our Rotary club to help promote Polio awareness.

We want to thank Kathy Sampson and Bev Wilker who have served as Rotary advisors for the MHS Interact Club. What can the rest of us do to support Interact? Students would welcome Rotary members who could provide career mentoring opportunities, partner for Interact projects, serve as a guest speaker, or simply attend a monthly meeting (see Kathy S. or Bev W. if you are interested).

Queen of Hearts

Larry Hammond got to draw for the Queen, but came up empty.

Upcoming Programs

11/28 Nick Moeller, Brew Barn
12/5 Jay Albayyari, WSLC Dean
12/12 Ed Pierce, Auglaize County Prosecuting Attorney

Upcoming Greeters

11/28 Wes Protsman
12/5 Mike Lee
12/12 Dan Hosek

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

