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### Call to Order

President Zach Ferrall opened the meeting and Sue Pittman offered the invocation. Guests included Kip Wright and Courtney Donoven, guest of Lori Martensen, high school students Colin Thornsberry, Nathen Kuffner, Ali Hertenstein, Courtney Nuss and Lauren Chapman, and Jake and Teresa Dowling from The Evening Leader.

Jeff Squire led the singing of "Joy to the World". There were no Birthdays.

### Happy Dollars/Fines

Lori was happy for her Wright State guests, Zach for Wyoming winning the state title, Brian Botti

for Eagle Scout news, Bev Wilker for another grandbaby and her son being selected for a special military program, Abby Balster for the Chamber's Tour of Homes, Alex Pittman for the Business After Hours at Arts Place, Kraig Noble to announce the passing of Pat Neely, wife of long time Rotarian, Wes Protsman to remind people to donate in tax year 2018 and Beth Noneman to remind people to let the club know when you make your donation to the Rotary Foundation so you can get the club and Hienrich Foundation matches.

Finemaster Randy Elsass quizzed members on Washington DC, and then group fined everybody....

### 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
- 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 Conference will be at Kalahari Resort (5/10 - 5/12/19)
- Ellen and Kathy are chairing a new fundraiser, We've Got Talent, to be held on Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>

### Program

PE Travis Elsass introduced Mark Ernst. This year Mark became the program director for Wright State University Lake Campus Law Enforcement

Academy. Mark has been an instructor for many years. Mark was filling in today as Dean Albayyari was called away.



In general, the Lake Campus is doing very well. The Alumni Association is growing, enrollment has nearly doubled in ten years, student housing is in high demand and can now house over 100 students, and since 2008 \$20,000,000.00 of renovations and expansions have happened on campus. It is expanding its offerings of bachelor's degrees and is looking to add more, including electrical engineering.

Specifically, Mark started as an instructor with the Police Academy in 2011 and eventually became the commander of the Grand Lake Law Enforcement Academy. At the time it was independent from the campus. Now it has been brought into the Wright State family and is known as the WSULC Police Academy. Being directly affiliated

with the university has many advantages.

In 2017 Mark was teaching full time and became director of the Lake Campus Criminal Justice Department. He work on updating the curriculum to include more corrections, probation and cyber crime classes. He has brought on several adjunct teachers who have practical experience, including deputy sheriffs and the Auglaize County Prosecutor.

The Police Academy now gives college credit for it's classes. They can take 20 students and average about 16 students in each class. Mark hopes to bring a forensic investigation degree to WSULC. Mark answered questions from the floor.

### Queen of Hearts

Dan Hosek tried for the Queen but came up empty.

### Upcoming Programs

- 12/12 Ed Pierce, Auglaize County Prosecuting Attorney
- 12/19 Club Christmas Party

### Upcoming Greeters

- 12/12 Dan Hosek
- 12/19 Dan Burke

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**

