



## THE COG

Rotary Club No. 3503

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January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019

### Call to Order

Our Honorable President, Zach Ferrall opened our meeting and "Father" Alex Pittman offered the invocation which included a prayer for everyone in the world.

The booming voice of Kevin Lawler introduced special guests at the meeting including Jon Burke who brought several Memorial High School Seniors which included a tuba player which, in turn, excited Jeff Squire. Jake Dowling from the Evening Leader is always a guest.

Jeff Squire led the singing of "All Hail to Rotary" to the tune of "Anchors Away"...GO NAVY-BEAT ARMY!!

Special Birthdays included Alex Pittman (he got 2

Carnations?)...plus belated Birth greetings to: Beth Noneman and Keith Fledderjohann (who returned the favor by handing out Rotary dues).

### Happy Dollars/Fines

Dan Hosek was happy that the new owners of AAP will continue to make "Wheels of Fortune". Zach Ferrall was happy for Holiday visits with family, Jeff Squire was elated Northwestern University won a Bowl game (but Jeff, not the Big 10 Conference Championship), Kevin Lawler threw in a buck for being able to teach theology to heathens and learning how to spit across the table at Rotarians, Craig Noble was happy for a family wedding (that didn't cost him anything), Brian Botti is pleased at reservation numbers for his upcoming banquet, Jim Heinrich was happy that the Guest Speaker is a friend, Wes Prostman was happy to promote the Arts Place Tasting event (10 beers for \$10 bucks) but he offered no samples, Beth Noneman was just happy, and finally Randy Elsass was happy to go hunting and training his dogs not to accidentally shoot him.



Our weekly FineMaster, Randy Elsass, began by expecting members to know trivial munucha including such things as the original name of

the Brooklin Bridge (answer: the East River Bridge) and which hand did Babe Ruth use to pitch...trick question as he used both left & right as he was a switch-pitcher. I thought the answer was the hand that held the ball...not the glove.

### Announcements

- Thank You Notes from Arts Place as well as Jill Schmitmeyer for a Rotary Scholarship.
- DUES ARE DUE
- Ellen Hunter gave a cheerleading demonstration for the upcoming Rotary "We've Got Talent" show set for Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at the St. Marys Memorial Auditorium. Bring your kazoo and enter.

### Program

Travis Elsass introduced our Guest Speaker for the day, Rotarian Joe Ludwig, District 6600 Major Gifts Officer and past District Governor. Joe gave a thorough presentation on the Rotary Foundation including it's history, main projects and goals. The District Foundation Asnnual Goal is to raise \$87,125 by inviting the District's 3,485 members to each donate \$25.00. The Foundation provides funds for both Global Grants (including scholarships, Group Study exchanges, and humanitarian efforts) and District Grants (which provide funds for Club projects within the District. Monies for the Foundation can come from anywhere and anyone, not just Rotarians so hit up your Kiwanis and Lions friends. One of the major benefits for donations of \$1,000.00 to the Foundation so

that you receive a Paul Harrison Pin. Just kidding...your donation has helped and will continue to help eradicate Polio around the world.



### Queen of Hearts

Jim Harris drew for the Queen and won \$14 big ones, but the Queen still lives and continues to propagate.

### Upcoming Programs

- 1/16 Russ Thomas w/ Family Promise Lima
- 1/23 Kevin Lawler on Blood Circulation
- 1/30 Bill Roshak on West-Central Ohio Program

### Upcoming Greeters

- 1/16 Rita Hilty
- 1/23 Laia Zink
- 1/30 Surprise Mystery Greeter

President Ferrall ended our meeting by having the membership recite "The 4-Way Test"...luckily everyone passed.

**\* Please note: All Rotarians scheduled to greet, please be in place by 11:30 am**

