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January 16th, 2019

Call to Order

President Zach Ferrall opened our meeting and Rita Hilty offered the invocation.

Kevin Lawler introduced special guests Patty Hamilton, Mary Kay Musyt, and Jan Heinrich. Kevin then led the singing of "I've Been Working on the Railroad." Special Birthdays included Kevin Lawler.

Happy Dollars/Fines

Jeff Squire was happy for The Annual Beer Tasting event this Friday, Jan 18th from 7-9pm at The Arts Place. Rita Hilty was happy for Mary Kay, her guest and possible new member. Dan Burke was happy that his daughter Megan was hired in with Robert Sprague's staff. Linda Haines was happy that it is time to start thinking about the

Hospital Gala on April 27th and had tickets for a car raffle. Jim Heinrich was happy that Rotary Connects the World. Kevin Lawler was happy about micro-circulation which he will speak to our Rotary about next week. Randy Elsass was happy that Mad River Mountain can make snow because of the cold weather.

Our weekly Finemaster, Randy Elsass fined Kevin Lawler for sucking up to police Chief Sutton, Lori for not being at a meeting in a while, and then quizzed members on various trivia questions ranging from area agricultural facts to coinage characteristics....he then fined everybody!

Announcements

- Beth Noneman announced that anyone who donates \$100 to the Rotary Foundation will have the opportunity to be in a raffle for a chance to win 250 extra Rotary Foundation recognition points. For more info see Beth.
- DUES ARE DUE
- Gears and Cheers 7pm for Trivia! Come early to JT's for Trivia Night 1/17/19
- Gears and Cheers Committee looking for ideas for social events and also looking for people to speak or present
- We've Got Talent tickets are available. See Ellen Hunter or Kathy Sampson.
- Family of Rotary: January 27, 12:30-2:30pm Roller Rink \$5 per person, skate rental, pizza and pop

New Member

Zach Ferrall announced the proposed new member. Patti Hamilton. Anyone with comments may contact Zach.



Program

Travis Elsass introduced our Guest Speaker for the day, Russ Thomas, the Executive Director of Family Promise Lima. Russ told a fun story about Rita. He followed God's plan after falling off a ladder. Through the process of healing from surgeries and infections, Russ became addicted to painkillers. When he started Doc Shopping, he got busted and cut off. He became so desperate that he was going to break in to Schwieterman's to steal pills. He heard a voice that night and began to turn his life around. He and his wife bought a Church and started The Gathering. His ministry reaches out to homeless, recovering drug addicts and provides them support physically, financially, and spiritually.

They provide shelter for homeless people and those with mental health issues. Many times they go out in the middle of night and look for those needing help.

They have a 90 day program that helps people find jobs, gives them meals through the churches, helps with transportation, helps find jobs, and look for permanent housing.

They also have transitional houses. These are homes for young men that turn 18 and get kicked out of foster homes, and graduate from

90 day program to a transitional house. Currently have 9 families in the Family Promise Program. They are looking to expand and build a kennel for families with pets. Also, looking into starting Recovery Houses.



Queen of Hearts

Linda Haines drew for the Queen and won \$13, but the Queen still lives!

Upcoming Programs

- 1/23 Kevin Lawler on Blood Circulation
- 1/30 Bill Roshak on West-Central Ohio Program
- 2/6 Jesse Ranly has worked the Rose Bowl, UCLA and OSU
- 2/13 Sunni Lomnicki on Acupuncture

Upcoming Greeters

- 1/23 Laia Zink
- 1/30 Surprise Mystery Greeter
- 2/6 Alisher Khudaykulov
- 2/13 Kevin Lawler

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

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

