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February 13, 2019

Call to Order

President Zach Ferrall called the meeting to order, and Sue Pittman offered the invocation.

Guests included our speaker, Julie Herbst, Mary Kay Musyt, guest of Julie Kraner, Ann Hudson, guest of Dick, Theresa Dowling of the Evening Leader and Jan Heinrich.

Song Leader Jeff Squire led a rousing rendition of "You're a Grand Old Flag."

Birthdays

We celebrated a plethora of birthdays, including Kathy Sampson, Mike Burkholder, Mike Makley, and Bob Leugers.

Happy Dollars

Kraig Noble was happy. Abby Balster was happy for popcorn sales and invited folks to sample. Dick Hudson was happy to have Ann as his guest. Linda Haines was happy to connect with Bev at the Cher concert, and that the Hospital Foundation has reached its fundraising goal for the 3D Mammogram, also offering raffle tickets for a car raffle at the Hospice Gala. Randy Elsass was happy. Mike Makley spent a week in Punta Cana and saw Hamilton in Columbus. Brian Botti was happy for Boy Scout popcorn sales which resulted in having to submit to a shaving cream pie in the face. Ellen was happy for Tim Benjamin and entreated members to come out in force for the upcoming Talent Show



Fines

Finemaster Brian Botti focused on Valentine's Day, celebrating St. Valentine, B 226 AD, D 269 AD. First celebrated feast day in 496, and relics of whom are displayed in the Basilica of Santa Maria in Cosmedin in Rome. No correct answers. General fines included anyone not a 3rd century martyr.

Announcements

- No Gears & Cheers this week. On Feb 28 the speaker will be Tim Benjamin.
- Mary Kay Musyt is being proposed as a new member



Program

Julie Herbst is the Community Connections Specialist for the Auglaize County Board of Developmental Disabilities. This group as it has evolved over time is now tasked with working with the developmentally disabled from birth through adulthood, and with administering programs carried out by schools, the ESC, and multiple vendors who hire disabled individuals, having privatized what used to be a county run sheltered workshop.

Julie gave a detailed history of how the organization began in New Bremen years before the state organized county boards. The original manifestation was a group of parents who organized an alternative school, originally in a home and then in the New Bremen schools.

The history of the organization shows a progression from the Board supplying interventions, schooling, and sheltered workshop settings, to the current responsibilities. Today, the oversight service encompasses year-round coaching of parents to provide evidence-based care practices in homes, as well as oversight of programs provided through the Educational Service Center and many local vendors hiring the developmentally disabled.

The focus has shifted from defined offerings to working with disabled individuals to understand and facilitate their wants and their needs as members of our community.

Queen or Hearts

Dan Burke drew for the Queen, which lives.

Upcoming Programs

- 2/20 Mayor Pat McGowan
- 2/27 Yolanda Ellison, Cancer Assoc. of Auglaize County
- 3/6 Mike Lee, horticulturist

Upcoming Greeters

- 2/20 Mike Makley
- 2/27 Joe Burke
- 3/6 Morgan Paul

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**

