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Call to Order

President Zach Ferrall opened the meeting and offered the invocation, as well.

Visiting Rotarian, Mark Cogan (Findlay) and guest, Jan Heinrich (Jim) joined today's meeting. Jeff Squire led the singing of "All Hail to Rotary" and "Happy Birthday" to Dan Burke.

Happy Dollars/Fines

President Zach was happy for attendance and rave reviews of "You've Got Talent", naming several members who helped make this a successful event; Zach also enjoyed chance to speak to DECA group at MHS (he also plugged Interact membership with students). Jeff Squire was happy for the chance to

perform at talent show; Brian Botti for having boss, Mark Cogan at meeting; and Bob Leugers for third grandchild and for drawing Social Security.



Kathy Sampson also contributed to the cup for special acts by Bev Wilker, Ellen Hunter, and Dan Burke; and Travis Elsass kicked in for his trip to Arizona and a safe return.



Finemaster, Travis Elsass asked trivia questions related to NCAA basketball. We found out that AT&T Stadium hosted the largest B-ball crowd—80,000; there have been four overtime championship games; the lowest points scored in a tournament game were 20; lowest seed team to win it all was the 8th seed; and in 2008, all #1 seeds made the Final Four.

Announcements

- St. Marys Area Chamber of commerce Annual Banquet is set for 3/7/19 at the Union Hall

with a Kentucky Derby theme; see Abby Balster or Chamber Office for tickets

- Gears & Cheers meeting was announced, featuring Pastor Tim Benjamin...and a trivia contest to follow
- Board Meeting set for 10:45 AM, on Wednesday, 3/6/19

Program

Today's program was presented by Jo Ellison who has served as President of the Cancer Association of Auglaize County (CAAC) since 2017. CAAC was formed in 2001 and is a 501(c)3 organization that provides a wide range of services and support for residents of Auglaize County who are diagnosed with cancer.



Jo went on to explain that, since the Cancer Association of Auglaize County is not affiliated with the American Cancer Society. This means that CAAC must conduct its fund-raising on the local level—relying on contributions from local organizations, business, churches, grants, and fund-raising events, such as the Quarter Auction—planned for 4:00 PM, on 3/23/19 at EZ Camp. All are welcome to attend. Entry fee is only \$3, and 'paddles' cost only \$2. Last year's event raised a total of \$11,000.

Other fund-raising events have included "Kicking Cancer's Booty", Craft Bazaars, and commissions from Kroger card purchases.

Being a local organization, CAAC ensures that more funds are used for services to local residents. Clients can depend upon CAAC to provide advice, referrals to other agencies, and emotional support. Other services often include reimbursements for:

- Travel expenses for doctor visits, cancer treatments
- Wigs, hats, breast forms, etc.
- Misc. expenses based upon financial need

Jo concluded by explaining the new client newsletter and efforts for wider publicity of CAAC's services.

Queen of Hearts

Robbie Burke's number was drawn, but had to give brother Dan Burke \$5 when she pulled a Joker.

Upcoming Programs

- 3/6 Mike Lee, Horticulture
- 3/13 Brian Botti, Boy Scouts
- 3/20 Ag Day program

Upcoming Greeters

- 3/6 Morgan Paul
- 3/13 Phil Schumann
- 3/20 Lori Martensen
- 3/27 Jeff Squire

President Ferrall closed the meeting with the recitation of the "The 4-Way Test".

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

