



## THE COG

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May 8, 2019

### Call to Order

President Zach Ferrall called the meeting to order, and Kathy Sampson offered the invocation.

Our guests included Jan Heinrich, Jessica Muhlenkamp, Leisa Hellesheimer and Teresa & Jake Dowling (Evening Leader).

Jeff Squire led the club in singing "All Hail to Rotary". There were no birthdays.

### Happy Dollars

President Elect Travis was happy to announce that he and April are expecting a baby boy, Wes Protsman for Arts Place successful children's lit. festival, Jami Goeki for nurses week, her guest and the presenter today, John Wale for Paint for Polio coming up, Ellen for

better hearing month, and Randy Elsass for mushroomsm good golfing and becoming a grandpa.

### Fines

Randy did the fining today, Jeff Squire, Dan Hosek, Dick Hudson all got trivia questions wrong, but Mike Burkholder got his right. Randy then group-fined the crowd into submission.

### Announcements

- District 6600 Conference at Kalahari Resort, Sandusky (5/10-5/12/19); Register on District website
- Paint for Polio (5/16/19); \$40 for wine, appetizers, and great time; members/guest welcome; See Beth Noneman or John Wale to sign up
- Zach presented Linda Haines with a check to the hospital for our onesies project for SIDS prevention.
- Dayton Dragons game is August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Let Ellen Hunter know that you are going.



### Program

PE Travis introduced Yvonne Miller as today's speaker. Yvonne

is the dementia coordinator for Otterbein St. Marys and works with the Alzheimer's Association on the Walk to End Alzheimer's.

Alzheimer's has become the sixth leading cause of death in the US. She has volunteered with the Alzheimer's Association for over 30 years. Alzheimer's and related dementia diagnosis impacts almost every family as we age. Yvonne was involved with walks in other communities and wanted to bring that fundraiser to our area to help raise awareness and funds.



The 2019 walk will be the fourth in the area. The goal for the first walk was \$10,000.00 but with the support from the community they were able to raise over \$50,000.00. Last year they raised over \$70,000.00. The money raised from the walk goes to basic research and education about the disease.

There have been new diagnostic procedures developed that mean that people are being diagnosed earlier. Research is ongoing to try to slow the progression of the disease, with the goal of a cure.

This year's walk will be held September 21, 2019 at Wright State University Lake Campus. Dean J is a co-chair and Jami Goeki is working closely with Yvonne on the walk. Support for the walk has been primarily from the Mercer County area and Yvonne is working to get the word out in Auglaize County for the opportunity to support funding for this disease.

### Queen of Hearts

Rita Hilty got the chance for the Queen. However, she didn't find the Queen.

### Upcoming Programs

- 5/15 Kraig Noble—Egypt Trip
- 5/22 Ohio Supreme Court—Sharon Kennedy

### Upcoming Greeters

- 5/15 Robbie Burke
- 5/22 David Waltermire

The meeting was adjourned after recitation of the "Four Way Test".

*\* Please note: Rotarian who is serving as 'Greeter' should be in place by 11:30 AM*

