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Rotary Club No. 3503

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June 5, 2019

Call to Order

President Zach Ferrall called the meeting to order, and Rev. Bill Maki offered the invocation.

Guests included Adele Walls (new member candidate, guest of Beth Noneman), Stephanie Kramer (Interact Club), Pam Harris (guest of Jim), Jan Heinrich (guest of Jim), and Jake & Teresa Dowling (Evening Leader).

Ellen Hunter led the club in singing "Vive le Rotary". There were no birthdays to recognize.

Happy Dollars

President Zach gave \$5 for Carp Derby supporters, volunteers, etc.—over 1,200 carp taken and net proceeds of \$5,800; Travis Elsass gave for finally getting to mow

lawn; Jim Harris for lunch with wife; Lori Martensen for Friends of Library Book Sale (more books needed); Jeff Vossler for Lake Improvement Assoc. Summer Kick-Off (6/22/19); Kim Ray for child's dance recital & for Shultz Huber's new office; and Kraig Noble for MHS graduation and for K.C. Geiger Park. Bill Ruane gave for 1st year as Superintendent and for Rotary donations to Academic Awards; Bill Maki for 84 youth at Vacation Bible School; Bev Wilker for son surviving tornado; Alex Pittman for Queen draw; and Beth Noneman for guest/new member, Adele Walls.

Fines

Fines included members who have not supported Carp Derby or Roughrider Philanthropic Assoc.

Announcements

- Special thank you to Eagles staff for lunch service this past year



- Thank-you letters received from Auglaize County Council on Aging (lunch served) and from St. Marys Community Library (contribution for see pen reader)
- Thanks for donations for tornado victims; challenge issued to other local clubs to donate, as well
- District 6600 Assembly 6/22/19
- Club Banquet at 6:00 PM, on 6/26/19; RSVP by 6/14/19 to Zach F., Bev W. or Robbie B.

- Reminder: Dues are due
- Dayton Dragons club outing on 8/3/19; see Ellen H. for tickets
- Trivia Night at Moeller Brew Barn (7:00 PM, 6/13/19)
- Club donation of \$1,000 to YMCA presented to Adele Walls



New Member Induction

Adele Walls, Director of YMCA Life Enrichment Center -- Otterbein inducted as our newest member.

Program

Today's speakers, Dan Burke & Zach Ferrall, provided a program about the Roughrider Philanthropic Association (RPA) and the new sports complex near the high school. After the project approval in 2016 and breaking of ground last July, this long-awaited project is nearing completion.

Of course, the RPA has been instrumental in fund-raising efforts from the beginning. Dan and Zach were happy to report that 80 percent of the funding has been raised or pledged, with a broad base of support from more than 320 local businesses, organizations, and individuals.

The new stadium features 2 sets of stands with capacity of 3,500, 2 concession areas, 12'x66' press box, state-of-the-art lighting and scoreboard, and plenty of parking.

Future plans include the addition of a walking path near the stadium.



Despite the past differences of opinion regarding best location, most residents are excited about the new sports complex. And as Dan and Zach pointed out, the construction cost for the site near the high school will provide a lot of unique advantages and at a cost that was only slightly more than the projected cost to renovate the downtown stadium.

Queen of Hearts

Alex Pittman got to draw for the Queen--two weeks in a row!! Sorry, Alex...the Queen lives on.

Upcoming Programs

6/12 Ed Doenges, County Fair
6/19 Kevin Harlan, Grand Lake Health Systems

6/26 No noon meeting; Banquet at 6:00 PM

Upcoming Greeters

6/12 Brad Seitz
6/19 Bev Wilker
6/26 John Wale

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*

