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Rotary Club No. 3503

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October 16, 2019

### Call to Order

President Travis Elsass opened the meeting and Pastor Tim Benjamin offered the invocation.

Guests included Craig Riedel (guest speaker and Defiance Rotary member) Sydney Albert from *The Daily Standard* and the Jake and Theresa Dowling from *The Evening Leader*.

Jeff Squire led the club in singing "My Country Tis of Thee" and "Happy Birthday" to Robbie Burke, Rick Green, Tami Sanford, and Jim Heinrich.

### Happy Dollars

Brian Botti put in \$20 on behalf of Diana Dominguez and his own dollar for guest waiter night and having one of his most active scouts in attendance at today's meeting. Bill Ruane for excellent students in

attendance and upcoming Chili Supper and Hall of Fame celebration this Friday. Gary for Rotarian Zone Summit last weekend. Randy Elsass for our speaker. Trisha Barnes for great weekend of four wheeling in West Virginia and for Ellen surviving the weekend after chocking on a carrot. Jeff Squire for niece getting first article published in Northwestern's newspaper. Mike Makley for chance at the Queen last week. Ellen for weekend in WV and for Pastor Appreciation Month. Wes Protsman for Quarter Auction fundraiser for Arts Place. Tami Sanford for a week on an island in Spain.



### Fines

Tami Sanford doled out fines related to today in history. Group fines were for anyone who didn't have an October birthday and anyone who didn't travel to Spain in last month, among other reason.

### Announcements

- Thanks to those who helped at Mooney Museum.
- October 20 is Walk With Nature.
- Grand Lake Rotary hosting event (tours) at TriStar on the 24 from 6-8pm; let Travis know by 22<sup>nd</sup> if you want to attend.
- Membership summit on Oct. 26.
- October 29 is the Rotary Halloween Parade.
- Still collecting umbrellas.



### Program

State Representative Craig Riedel is in the first year of his second term and has just filed to run for a third term.

Recent activities at the statehouse include passing the \$70 billion biennium operating budget. There is \$172 million allocated for water quality programs.

Energy bill (House Bill 6) will subsidize the operation of two nuclear power plans at Lake Erie recently passed.

Craig is working on a permissive prevailing wage bill with Susan

Manchester. He's working on an Unemployment Compensation Reform bill with Bill Reinecke from Findlay. Craig is working on a third bill with Rob McColley that addresses regulative reform. The only state in the Midwest more heavily regulated than Ohio is Illinois. If passed, the bill will require all state agencies to reduce their rules and regulations by 10% within the next three years. There are over 20 gun bills in the General Assembly currently being vetted. Does not anticipate any significant changes in Ohio (such as expanded background checks).

### Queen of Hearts

Tami Sanford picked her own number but pulled a joker. She shared the pot with John Wale.

### Upcoming Programs

10/23 Mayor Pat Gowan  
 10/30 Air Camp student  
 11/6 (open)  
 11/13 Rebecca Dominguez, veteran's flag project

### Upcoming Greeters

10/23 John Wale  
 10/30 Jim Harris  
 11/6 Rita Hilty  
 11/13 Dan Hosek

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**

