



## THE COG

Rotary Club No. 3503

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November 13, 2019

### Call to Order

President Travis Elsass called the meeting to order and Kathy Sampson offered the invocation.

Rita Hilty led the club in singing "All Hail to Rotary" and "Happy Birthday" to Dianna Dominguez, Linda Haines, and Julie Kraner.

Guests included Jan Heinrich (guest of Jim), Jake Dowling (Evening Leader), and Sidney Albert (Daily Standard).

### Happy Dollars

Bill Ruane was happy for today's presenter and MHS hosting of next playoff game; Lori Martensen for drawing Queen and donating \$100 back to the fund; Randy Elsass for prediction of 11 major snows (for good skiing); Wes Protsman for no

frozen pipes; Dan Burke for program presenter; and John Coe for Lori drawing the Queen.



### Fines

Tami Sanford, levied several fines, including Travis Elsass for going 'off script', Randy Elsass for even suggesting that we'll get 11 major snows, and COG committee for an error. Tami's trivia questions also led to fines: Did you know that Armistice Day became a holiday on 11/11/38 and that it changed to Veteran's Day in 1954? Certainly, you did not know about November 13<sup>th</sup> holidays like "Indian Pudding Day" and "World Kindness Day". Blanket fines were paid by those not attending Rider game, those doing Christmas decorations early, those without a kids' fort in living room, and those who have not shown kindness to someone this week.



### Announcements

- Thank you letter from Alzheimer Association for Rotary donation

- 11/21/19--Need help with dental equipment donated to MESA by Eric Schall who will be retiring
- 11/27/19--Regular Club meeting to be held at Vancrest Living Center's new facility
- 12/10/19--Kids' Christmas Party
- 12/16/19--Christmas caroling
- 12/18/19--Adult Christmas party and gift exchange

### Program

Rebecca Dominguez presented the "Honoring Hometown Heroes" program that placed banners with pictures of residents who served in the armed forces. Rebecca initiated the program in 2018 as part of her Girl Scouts Gold Award project and as a great way to honor local veterans. She thanked Gayle Masonbrink (Evening Leader), Mike Burkholder (St. Marys City), and many local organizations for their assistance in creating, placing and funding the banners.



The initial 30 banners were placed on downtown light posts in November 2018. With extremely positive responses from veterans' families, Rebecca was compelled to extend the program, eventually placing 354 banners across the City of St. Marys. She expanded the program by publishing a daily FaceBook feature of each veteran, along with their picture and a short

biography. Needless to say, the FaceBook features have resulted in a huge number of 'views' & 'likes'.

As a result of the program's impact, Rebecca received inquiries from several local communities who wanted to start similar programs. She was also selected as a 'guardian' to accompany a local 98-year old World War II veteran for the honor flight and recognition ceremonies in Washington D.C.--an experience she will never forget.

Rebecca is a top student and has participated in Buckeye Girls State, National Student Leaders, cheer team (captain), MHS band, dance, track, and much more.

We're glad that VFW has agreed to sustain this program when Rebecca attends college next year.

### Queen of Hearts

John Coe's ticket was drawn, but he did not find the Queen.

### Upcoming Programs

- 11/20 Donna Grube, Greater Grand Lake Visitors Region
- 11/27 Jami Goecke, Meeting/Tour at Vancrest Living Center
- 12/4 Dr. Stephen Jacquemin, Grand Lake St. Marys Update
- 12/11 Gary Newton, Rotary Foundation Update

### Upcoming Greeters

- 11/20 Dick Hudson
- 11/27 Ellen Hunter
- 12/4 Alisher Khudaykulov
- 12/11 Julie Kraner

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**