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Rotary Club No. 3503  
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January 15, 2020

## Call to Order

President Travis Elsass called the meeting to order and Tim Benjamin offered the invocation.

Zach Ferrall led the club in singing "Auld Lang Syne".

Guests included Jake Dowling (The Evening Leader), Angela Karen and Ruth Ramsey, guests of Morgan Paul, and Aaron Powell, guest of Zach Farrell.

## Happy Dollars

Rotarians and when they were happy included: Travis for speaking to NB/NK rotary about our upcoming auction and possible future collaboration with their club; Brian Botti for scouts winter outing day and for district dinner this past Sunday; Kraig Noble for the restoration of the old mill and to apologize for his retirement being excessively mentioned in the newspaper; Wes Protsman for annual beer tasting at ArtsPlace this Friday; Jeff Vossler for Lake Improvement event of Feb 22 (Fleetwood 2 the Max) at Romer's

(get tickets from Jeff); Linda Haines for Hospice gala on April 18<sup>th</sup> at Romers. She will have car raffle tickets at all Rotary meetings, starting next week. Gary Newton acknowledged the passing of George Costaras, who served as chair of districts' youth exchange committee for at least 10 years. Beth Noneman was happy for her chance at the queen and reminder to give to Rotary Foundation, and Randy Elsass for snow skiing 8 times already, as well as pheasant hunting.

## Fines

Finemaster Randy Elsass fined anyone who had not having an article published in the Evening Leader, didn't sponsor new member, haven't been pheasant hunting, had not been snow skiing in last two weeks, fell asleep during the college football National Championship game

## New Member

Aaron Powell, an insurance agent with Community Insurance Group out of the Fort Loramie office, was inducted into Rotary. His name was proposed by Zach.



## Announcements

- Dues are due
- Jan 22: last day for bonus points for donation to Foundation.
- Jan 21: serving lunch at the Aug. County Council on Aging.
- Jan 23: New member orientation at JT's at 6pm
- Feb 5: Rotary auction in the evening (no noon meeting.)



## Program

The speaker was Rotary's own Morgan Paul, head librarian at the St. Marys Community Public Library for the past three years.

What's new at the library:

-Libby is the new app for e-books and downloadable audio books (doesn't work on Kindle fire).

There is an SEO app that allows to manage library account, place holds, etc.

-All fines have been removed.

When an item is due, it is automatically renewed unless the item is on hold for someone else. Patrons are only billed if they lose something.

-Ohio Wed Library (OWL) is an association between libraries, universities, etc and allows access to magazine articles, genealogy websites, reference material, homework help, and more.

Ruth Ramsey, a library board member for 15 years, spoke as the chair of the levy renewal committee. Library levy renewal

vote will be on the March 17 ballot. Levy for .7 mill for 5 year, and it passed with 65% of the vote last time. The levy funds 25% of operating costs. Library's annual budget is nearly \$600,000 per year. Citizens can show their support for the levy by making donations, sign letters of support, and/or putting a sign of support in their yard.

Library is hosting Business after Hours on Feb 6th; refreshments provided by the Friends of the Library.

Kraig added: we have a school district library and the rest of the county is part of a county-wide system. Libraries were originally funded by the state, now libraries depend much more heavily on local funding.

## Queen of Hearts

Travis' ticket was drawn, but the Queen eluded him.

## Upcoming Programs

1/22: Heather Dowell, Arts Place  
1/29: Jackie Jutte, Dog Trainer  
2/5: no meeting (Auction night)

## Upcoming Greeters

1/22: Bill Maki  
1/29: Mike Makley  
2/5: no meeting

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*

