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Rotary Club No. 3503
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January 22, 2020

Call to Order

President Travis Elsass called the meeting to order and Bill Maki offered the invocation.

Bill then led the club in singing "America" and introducing our guests....he was a busy man!

Guests included Jake Dowling (The Evening Leader) and Courtney from VanCrest, guest of Jami Goecke.

Happy Dollars



Jami was happy to have Courtney with her and also to serve at the Auglaize County Council of Aging. Bill Ruane was happy and thankful to Rotary for donating to awards, trophies, and ribbons for the Power

of the Pen Competition which St. Marys Middle School is hosting on Saturday, January 25th. Kraig Noble was happy for the SM girls' basketball team's victory and that we have such an outstanding Rotary Club in SM and to be back after being in South Carolina. While in SC, he attended the meeting of Georgetown Rotary. Linda was happy for the Lady Riders Basketball team's big upset over state ranked number 2 Marion Local and for the upcoming Grand Lake Hospice Gala. She has sponsorship forms and also raffle tickets for anyone interested. Ellen Hunter was happy her 40 year old husband was on the mend and that the amazing Heather Dowell was speaking to the group today. Randy was happy to serve at the county of aging, that we have an awesome club, and for the upcoming debates that Rotary will be hosting.



Fines

Finemaster Randy Elsass fined various individuals and then everyone who hasn't bought a ticket or donated to the auction, who hadn't been snow skiing this week, etc.....

Announcements

- Reverse raffle tickets for sale
- 1/30 Interact Club Concession Stand help

- Feb 5: Rotary auction in the evening (no noon meeting.)
- May 1st District Conference
- June 5th Carp Derby
- June 20th Food Truck Rally
- July 18th Golf Outing



Program

The speaker was Heather Dawn the Director of the Arts Place which is located on Spring St. in St. Marys.

Heather explained the history of the Arts Place. The flagship and original place were Arts Place began was in Portland, Indianan in 1964. It began in St. Marys as MECA in 2008 under Miss Heidi.

The St. Marys Arts Place greets over 3,000 guests annually and offers rotating art exhibits on a 6 week period. In addition they offer art classes throughout the year for both adults and children in all different mediums from watercolor, slime, tie die, resin, clay, henna tattooing, and stain glass to name a few.

The Arts Place also participates in various events around the St. Marys Community like the Walk with Nature, Literature Festival, Arts in the Parks, Art and Fashion, Beer Tasting, etc.... They also provide services to groups like Rotary through "Paint for Polio", TLC, and Sister Cities exchange students.

The Arts Place is open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10am-4pm for the public to view the art exhibits. These hours were the most heavily trafficked hours when making the decision. Additional funding would allow for additional days and hours of operation. If community members or local businesses need a space to meet or work, Heather encourages you to reach out to her or a board member because they are willing to open it up for you or your business.

The Arts Place is nonprofit and is completely funded by the generous donations of community members, local businesses, and through fundraisers.

Queen of Hearts

Linda's ticket was drawn, but the Queen eluded her.

Upcoming Programs

1/29: Jackie Jutte, Dog Trainer
2/5: no meeting (Auction night)

Upcoming Greeters

1/29: Mike Makley
2/5: no meeting (auction night)

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**

