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**February 5, 2020**



### Welcome

Our first 'evening format' Annual Auction and dinner was opened by Committee Chair Ellen Adams. Rev. Jon Kraner offered the prayer.

There were 79 in attendance, including members, guests and visiting Rotarians for the Valentine themed event.

WLIO, Lima provided two reporters to cover the event and interviewed Ellen. The spot was televised that night at 10 pm and 11 pm on WLIO. Great job, Ellen!

### Program

A Silent Auction comprising 19 items preceded the main event, with bidding closed prior to the Live Auction.



A delicious buffet dinner by Madi Gorby, Perfect Party Catering was served and enjoyed. Then...on with the auction!



The Reverse Auction drawing was first, with Gayle Masonbrink and Mike Burkholder drawing and announcing the winners. 100/\$50 tickets were sold. There were 13 winners of cash prizes including Ellen Adams, DW, Gayle Masonbrink & Rick Green. **Macy Ferral** won the \$1000 grand prize.



The Live Auction was conducted by professional Auctioneer and fellow Rotarian (New Bremen/New Knoxville club), Tim Eiting. It was a lively auction with lots of humor and competitive bidding. 67 items were auctioned in the live auction.

A 50/50 raffle was also a feature of the event. \$220 was won by **John Ficorilli** (Lima, Wapak Rotary clubs) when his ticket was drawn.

**Rick and Linda Haines** were the lucky winners of a beautiful Valentine's Day floral arrangement when Rick discovered the 'special heart' sticker under his placemat.



Despite inclement weather, the event was a great success due to the combined efforts of Rotarians, guests, and all of the generous donations received for the auction. **The event raised more than \$15,000!!**

**A HUGE THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR EVERYTHING!**



### Announcements

- Next Board Meeting--2/12/20
- Gears & Cheers at Moeller Brew Barn--2/27/20
- District Conference--5/1 & 2/20 at Maumee Bay State Park
- Grand Lake Carp Derby--6/5/20
- Food Truck Rally--6/20/20
- Rotary Golf Outing--7/18/20

### Upcoming Programs

- 2/12 TBD
- 2/19 Auglaize Co. Commissioners
- 2/26 TBD

### Upcoming Greeters

- 2/12 Gayle Masonbrink
- 2/19 Laia Zink
- 2/26 Gary Newton

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**

