



## THE COG

Rotary Club No. 3503

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August 12, 2020

### Call to Order

President Wes Protsman called the meeting to order and Kathy Sampson offered the invocation.

We recognized Larry Hammond's birthday.

No visiting Rotarians, but guests included Robert Luckey (prospective member and guest of Dan Burke) and Jake Dowling (Evening Leader), and Sidney Albert (Daily Standard).

### Happy Dollars

President Wes was \$5 happy to provide flower arrangements for friend's wedding; Larry Hammond (\$20) for birthday, his health, and being busy for Rotary; Randy Elsass (\$2) for improved golf game & Jennifer Jones election as R.I. President for 2022-23; Emily Post

(\$2 for brother-in-law getting Baseball Director job at Ole Miss; Kraig Noble (\$5) for vacation in New Hampshire w/ son Jeff's family; Bill Ruane (\$5) for return after absence and chance to give program; Mike Lee for starting house on Kelly's Island; and Tami Sanford for family getaway w/ kids and grandkids.

### Fines

Finemaster, Tami Sanford fined Dick Hudson, Rick Green & Randy Elsass for getting to wear shorts; Kraig Noble for absence of OSU/UM football game this fall. We didn't know it, but today is known as Julianne Fry Day, Middle Child Day, and Vinyl Record Day. Group fines for OSU fans sad about having no football season.



### Announcements

- Promoting Celina Rotary Club "Glow-Ball" golf outing on 8/29— 7:00 pm registration; 8:45 pm tee time; \$50 per person
- Club purchased enough school supplies fill 36 backpacks; See Larry Hammond to donate so Club can defray its expense
- Sign up for trash pick-ups on 8/22 & 8/29
- Requesting ideas for ways to raise MESA funds in lieu of bike ride

### New Member Induction

Dan Burke officiated the induction of Robert Luckey as a new member for our Club. Robert was proposed by Dan Burke and serves as Marketing Director of the St. Marys Evening Leader and Wapak Daily News. Robert lives in Botkins on the family farm with his wife and five kids.



### Program

Our own Bill Ruane gave today's program. As Superintendent of St. Marys City Schools (SMCS), Bill provided a recap of last year's achievements by presenting a short video about academics, STEM, sports, music and other programs.



Bill went on to explain the challenges faced by the school since the COVID-19 pandemic took hold in Ohio. Many teaching/learning options were considered. By collaborating with other districts, an Auglaize County Plan provided a foundation for detailed plans within each school district and each school building.

With a new starting date of August 25<sup>th</sup>, SMCS staff is fine-tuning plans for the 2020-21 school year. Of course, the safety of students and staff is the primary objective. Masks will be worn by staff and temperatures are to be checked at home before individuals come to school. Standard protocols for handwashing, social distancing, and regular cleaning and sanitizing will also be followed.

Although many changes are expected, every attempt is being made to provide a 'near-normal' experience for students. In fact, there is still hope for a football season (without spectators), along with tennis, cross-country, music, and as many other extra-curricular activities as possible.

### Queen of Hearts

Bill Ruane's ticket was pulled, but the Queen was not found.

### Upcoming Programs

- 8/19 Riley Robey, Memorial High School Band Director
- 8/26 Doug Fry & Roughrider Football Captains
- 9/2 Judge Mark Spees, Auglaize County Youth Programs

### Upcoming Greeters

- 8/19 Robbie Burke
- 8/26 Mike Burkholder
- 9/2 Beth Noneman
- 9/9 Pat Cogan

The meeting was adjourned after recitation of the "Four Way Test".

*\* Please note: 'Greeter' should be in place by 11:30 AM*

