



## THE COG

Rotary Club No. 3503

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September 30, 2020

### Call to Order

President Wes Protsman called the meeting to order, and Pastor Tim Benjamin offered the invocation.

Visitors included DG Hodkinson from the Tiffin club, Assistant Governor Tom Kirk from the Grand Lake club, and Jake Dowling (Evening Leader).

### Happy Dollars

Zach Ferrall was happy for it being rivalry week against Celina; Morgan Paul was happy for Walk with Nature Month and for the library receiving a grant for automation equipment; Brian Botti was happy for his scout troops receiving awards and for getting to take pies in the face; Ellen Hunter was happy to be able to get back to Rotary and for her

husbands recovery; Tim Benjamin was happy to announce the Community Worship Service at Memorial Park on 10/11, 4-8pm; Gary Newton was proud to have the DG here to speak to us; Travis Elssas was also happy to have the DG present and for scoring an Ochocinco Cameo; and President Wes was happy for the fine gardening weather.



### Fines

There were no fines this week.

### Announcements

- Bill Ruane wrote a thank you card for the school supplies, dictionary project, scholarships and monetary donations. He also provided a request for 50 or so pairs of headphones.
- Wapakoneta club holding their Pancake Day on 10/1 from 7am-7pm.
- Political Debate between Jim Jordan and Shannon Freshour. 10/6 at 2:30pm. Select live attendance and will be broadcast on Rider Nation Station.
- Halloween Event taking place at Skip Baughman parking lot, 10/27 from 6-

7pm. SMART will also be passing out goody bags.

- 10/7 Rotary meeting, will be a signup sheet to assist in moving tables around the lake for Americans with Disabilities.

### Program

President Mike Lee introduced our guest speaker, DG Keith Hodkinson. Keith has been a part of the Rotary for 36 years, but he claims to be a true "Rotarian" for 8 years. That is was he got involved in District projects and receiving his first *Rotarian moment*.

That was on a trip to Honduras. Keith explained his experience of humility and great satisfaction when a small group of local women expressed their gratefulness. It was not only for him fixing their toilets that haven't worked in 3 year, but even more so for showing them attention and care.

This was the first theme of the discussion; an encouragement to become more involved in district projects and earning your *Rotarian Moment* by creating a difference around the world.

The DG spoke about his initiative to get more applications for grants. On the average year, 7 to 10 clubs apply for grants. So, he set aside funds specifically for Covid related causes. This year, he has been able to increase the number of grant applications within the district to 39.

The second theme was adaptation, not only because of Covid, but to

recruit and retain new membership. The DG expressed that we must give members a greater sense of purpose and to make sure the 5<sup>th</sup> line of the 4-way test remains a focus: "Is it fun for all?"

Keith then present Paul Harris awards to the children of Gary Newton, Larry Hammond (+1), and Beth Noneman (+3).



### Queen of Hearts

Bev Wilker's ticket was pulled. The queen lives.

### Upcoming Programs

- 10/7 Galen Cisco, Little League Galen Cisco Award
- 10/14 Craig Riedel, District 82 State Representative

### Upcoming Greeters

- 10/07 Dan Hosek
- 10/14 Brian Botti
- 10/21 John Wale
- 10/28 Jim Harris

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

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

