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Rotary Club No. 3503

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July 22, 2020

Call to Order

President Wes Protsman called the meeting to order and Alex Pittman offered the invocation.

Birthdays for Zach Ferrall, Rick Green, and Laia Mortimer were recognized today.

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

Happy Dollars

President Wes was \$5 happy for the recent rain; Dan Burke for his guest; Rick Green (\$5) for successful Rotary golf outing; Ellen Hunter for the golf outing and Little Free Library; Brian Botti for scout day camp held last weekend with plenty of precautions (only one held in Ohio

so far this year); Travis Elsass (\$2) for golf outing; and Zach Ferrall for joining Kraig Noble's golf pairing.

Fines

Zach Ferrall levied fines based on answers to trivia questions. Did you know that Drew Barrymore was the actress killed in the plot of "Scream"?...that the first award winning Disney song was "When You Wish Upon a Star"?...that Ross & Monica from "Friends" show had a dog named Chi Chi?...that the most expensive book ever sold was a collection of Leonardo DaVinci's writings and drawings?

Announcements

- Thanks to Rick Green and many others for support of a successful Rotary golf outing
- Thanks to Ellen Hunter who donated 50-50 winnings (\$362) from golf outing back to Club



- Thanks to Bev Wilker and her husband for providing 300 lbs. of pork to Agape
- Thanks to President Wes for his Polio Plus contribution—others encouraged to contribute, as well
- Gears & Cheers meeting at Moeller's Brew Barn on 7/24/20
- Annual R.O.C. fundraiser on 8/13/20; (\$15/person & table of 8 for \$100)
- Let President Wes know if you like idea of Zoom Cocktail Party

- Dues are due; see Keith F. to pay

Program

Bill Metzger presented today's program. Bill completed 30 years of service with the City of St. Marys Utility Department and has operated a sawmill business for 42 years. He is certified as a "Master Logger" and is a long-time member of the Ohio Forestry Association as well as the Woodland Stewardship Association. As Bill put it, he has "sawdust in his blood".



Since its establishment in 1903, the Ohio Forestry Association has supported responsible management of the nearly 8 million acres of timberland in the State of Ohio most of which are in the eastern and southeastern parts of the State. The Association plays an active role in promoting our woodlands as well as the quality of our water and the control of soil erosion—through education of its members and the general public and through legislative activities.

When asked how we can sustain our trees as a valuable resource for future generations, Bill advocated for more extensive planting programs and more effective enforcement of rules against excessive tree harvesting.

Listening to Bill speak, you get a sense of the passion he has for

educating others about trees. The next time you walk the path between the high school and the football field, stop to look at the cross-sectional slice of a large native tree that Bill placed there to show how the tree rings and its growth coincide with important historical events. To learn more about other programs & events, go to www.timbermanagement.org.

Queen of Hearts

Zach Ferrall drew a card but did not find the Queen.



Upcoming Programs

- 7/29 Sheriff Al Solomon, Auglaize County Drug Prevention
- 8/5 Randy Shellenbarger, Photography of Grand Lake St. Marys
- 8/12 Bill Ruane, SM City Schools COVID-19 compliance
- 8/19 Riley Robey, Memorial High School Band Director

Upcoming Greeters

- 7/29 Tim Benjamin
- 8/5 Dan Burke
- 8/12 Rick Green
- 8/19 Robbie Burke

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

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

