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Rotary Club No. 3503

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Call to Order

President Linda Vogel called the meeting to order. Randy Elsass offered the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Sue Pittman was the greeter and introduced our guests for the day including visiting Rotarian Dr. Charles Shumate from Anderson, IN, with whom Linda exchanged club flags. Jerry Skiver, interim superintendent of St. Marys Schools was also in attendance as were five seniors from Memorial High School, accompanied by Mike Makely. Jeff Squire led the singing of "Rotary, My Rotary" and "Happy Birthday" to Randy Elsass.

Happy Dollars

Kraig Noble was singing "Oh What A Night," Kevin Harlan was happy the speaker was from JTDMH (and that he beat fellow JTDMH knuckleheads to the punch). Ed Pierce was happy his

son is engaged, Paige Canfield was happy for the DECA mum sales; and John Wale was happy for freshman volleyball team wins.

Fines

Randy Elsass was the finer today and got some members with questions regarding what groups of animals are called as well as other bits of useless trivia.

Announcements

The club directory is being updated, so any member information that needs updated should be turned in to Don Hinckley or Keith.

The Amish dinner is set for Oct. 8 and reservations need to be called into to Kathy Sampson ASAP.

The local Rotary billboard is up at the intersection of Ohio 29 and U.S. 33A.

Program

President-elect Robbie Burke introduced our speaker Holly Jacomet, director of the Wound Care Center at Joint Township District Memorial Hospital.



Holly has been associated with the hospital 17 years. She said the wound care center is a benefit to the area as it means patients can receive care close to home.

The Wound Care Center opened in December of 2009. It is a state-of-the-art facility that provides the most advanced therapies and the latest clinical treatments for problem wounds.

Wound Care Center patients are typically suffering from wounds that won't heal, such as diabetic ulcers, pressure ulcers, surgical and trauma wounds and/or tissue damage caused by radiation treatments. These chronic wounds are treated with comprehensive care so that the wound is treated from the inside out.

The center "treats the whole patient, not the hole in the patient," Holly said.

The treatment plan may include hyperbaric oxygen therapy where the patient breathes pure oxygen while inside a pressurized chamber. The high concentrations of oxygen enter the bloodstream, Holly said, which increases the body's capability to heal wounds.

Most of the Wound Care Center's patients are self-referred, while others are sent there through a physician or health care professional. The center works with the patient's doctor to evaluate the problem and develop a care plan. The center has a 97% heal rate, Holly said, and the average time to heal a wound is 32 days. Patients from Ada, Dayton, Bowling Green and Indiana have used the center; Holly said the largest number of clients live in the St. Marys, Celina, Wapakoneta area.

The center is located in Joint Township District Memorial Hospital in St. Marys. Holly offered to give a tour to anyone interested in seeing the facility and learning more about this

technologically advanced form of wound care.

Queen of Hearts

Kevin Harlan won the weekly drawing, but the Queen lives.

Upcoming Programs

- 09-21 Dan Keyes – Painter of murals in Heritage Park
- 09-28 Jim Jordon – Congressman of Ohio's 4th District
- 10-5 Galen Cisco
- 10-12 Auglaize County Sheriff Office Identity Theft
- 10-19 Mayoral Election Debate w/Greg Freewalt, Patrick McGowan, Pam Hobler
- 10-26 Jim Heinrich and Rick Green Rotary International Foundation

Upcoming Greeters

- 09-21 Tanya Temple
- 09-28 Ralph Wiley
- 10-10 Jon Hall
- 10-12 Kathy Sampson
- 10-19 Jeff Vossler
- 10-26 Paige Canfield

**Please note: All Rotarians scheduled to greet, please be in place by 11:30 a.m.*

The meeting was adjourned following the recitation of the Four Way Test of the Things We Think, Say or Do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?