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Call to Order

President Linda Vogel called the meeting to order. Kevin Lawler offered the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Kraig Noble led us in singing "All Hail to Rotary." We sang "Happy Birthday" to Scott Ross. Our guests today included Chris Hall, guest of Jon Hall, and prospective Rotarian Molly Schleucher, guest of Randy Elsass.

Happy Dollars

Linda Vogel, Sandy Gerdeman, Linda Haines, Keith Fledderjohann, Gary Newton, Marty Dodrill, Jeff Squire, and Randy Elsass were all "Happy Rotarians" today.

Fines

Rick Gerdeman was the finer today. His victims today included Kraig Noble, Derek Vogel, Allen Baskett, Alex Pittman, Bob Leugers, Scott Ross, Joe

Burke, Mike Makley, Sue Pittman, Linda Vogel, Don Hinckley, and Kevin Harlan.

Announcements

The club will have its annual outing to the Wright State University Lake Campus basketball game this February 8th at the North Branch of the Y. Get your reservation in and support fellow Rotarian Mark Ashman and his team.

Rotarians are invited to the special Open House for the new Beer Barrel Pizza on Saturday, February 11th from 5:00 pm – 11:00 pm.

Program

Robbie Burke introduced our speakers for today. David Collins from the Allen County Red Cross and Ken Kline from the Auglaize Co. Red Cross were present to speak to us today about our area Red Cross programs and services.

The Red Cross is a humanitarian organization, led by volunteers, that provides relief to victims of disasters and helps people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies.



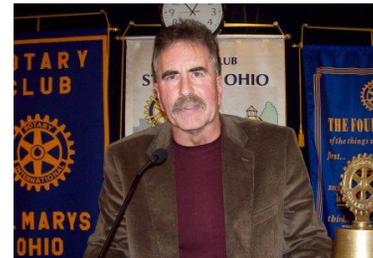
David Collins – Allen Co. Red Cross

The American Red Cross, is one of our nation's premier humanitarian organizations and is dedicated to helping people in need throughout the United States and, in association with other Red Cross societies, throughout the world.

The Red Cross depends on generous contributions of time, blood, tissue, and money from the American public for the support of its lifesaving services and programs.

The Red Cross received its first congressional charter in 1900 and a second in 1905. This charter—which remains in effect today—sets forth the purposes of the organization that include giving relief to and serving as a medium of communication between members of the American armed forces and their families and providing national and international disaster relief and mitigation.

The American Red Cross works closely with the International Committee of the Red Cross on matters of international conflict and social, political, and military unrest. As a member of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, which it helped found in 1919, the American Red Cross joins more than 175 other national societies in bringing aid to victims of disasters throughout the world.



Ken Kline – Auglaize Co. Red Cross

Ken spoke about the efforts of the Auglaize Co. Disaster Relief volunteers and their work. Disaster Action Team personnel respond immediately to the disaster location and administer immediate assistance to the victims of the disaster. The assistance can take the form of immediate shelter, food, and clothing. Victims of disaster, such as a single-family fire, may be issued a Client Assistance Card that can be used to replace personal items such as clothing, medication, food, and other necessary items.

In October of 2010, there was a tornado that touched down in Auglaize

County. The American Red Cross was there to assist the people directly affected by the tornado. We put families up in a hotel room for three nights and also provided them with a Client Assistance Card to get them through the first few days following the tornado. We also set up a shelter in the school gym with cots and blankets for those that, even though their house was not damaged, still needed someplace to sleep since the electric was out in most of the town all night. Some people needed electricity for breathing machines and other reasons.

These services along with the Red Cross First Aid Training, CPR & AED Training, Lifeguard Certification, and services provided to our Armed Forces make the American Red Cross an invaluable service that adds to the quality of life in our communities.

Queen of Hearts

Joe Burke won the daily drawing today, but alas, not the Queen.

Upcoming Programs

- 2-8 Mayor Pat McGowan
- 2-15 Capabilities
- 2-22 St. Marys Fire Dept.
- 2-29 Arts Place

Upcoming Greeters

- 2-8 Ellen Hunter Adams
- 2-15 Dick Hudson
- 2-22 Rick Gerdeman
- 2-29 Gary Newton

**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?