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Rotary Club No. 3503

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Call to Order

President Ellen Hunter opened the meeting and Sue Pittman offered the invocation. The Club then recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests / Song / Birthdays

Our guests today included Jan Heinrich, guest of Jim, Kathy Bayless, guest of Robbie Burke, Jake Sutton, guest of Ellen, and Do & Theresa Nguyen, District Governor, who is today's Program Speaker.

Alex Pittman led the Club in the singing of "Rotary, my Rotary."

Happy Dollars / Fines

Our Happy Rotarians today included Randy Elsass, Renee Homan, Gary Newton, Kraig Noble, Jeff Ossler, Don Hinckley, Kim Ray, Jim Heinrich, Kevin Lawler, and Kevin Wolfe, who thanked everyone

for participation at the Senior Citizen Car Wash.

Tami Sanford issues fines to Scott Nuttle, Kevin Lawlor as well as anyone who didn't participate both days at the Rotary Car Wash.

Announcements / Presentations

- Ellen thanked Jim Harris and Trisha Barnes for their efforts distributing the dictionaries to the area elementary schools. The project was completed last week.
- Kevin Wolfe announced the number of volunteers participating in the Car Wash, thanking those who worked both days.
- The Rotary Club logo is complete.
- A reminder that next week's speaker is MaryAnn Olding, Minster, OH. She will speak about travel to Cuba.
- A number of Rotarians are celebrating anniversaries of membership.
 - ✓ Keith Fledderjohann 30 years
 - ✓ Kraig Noble 40 years
 - ✓ Randy Elsass 30 years
 - ✓ Jim Heinrich 50 years
 - ✓ Ken Strickland 40 years



- A St. Marys Rotary Club Photo is taken today. Yes, we were all able to squeeze together and say "cheese."



Program

President Ellen introduced District Governor, Do Nguyen. Do was born in central Vietnam and attended school in Quang Tri province. In 1974, he traveled to the United States and attended college at Bowling Green University. Unable to return to Vietnam when the new government took over in 1975, the newly married Do struggled but was finally reunited with his wife and infant daughter in the U.S. After settling in northern Ohio, Do worked for Toledo City Schools as an administrator, started several small businesses, and became active in community affairs. Do joined Maumee Rotary in March 1995.

Do, along with other Rotarians, founded the D.O.V.E. Fund, a non-profit organization to do charity in Vietnam. The DOVE Fund has since build 50 schools, 4 medical facilities, 3 water systems, 150 latrines, and many other humanitarian projects in Vietnam. In 2014, Do received the Rotary International "Service Above Self" Award, the highest honor for individual Rotarians.

Do began his program by teaching St. Marys Rotary Club "laughing yoga." He went on to share his list of treasured gifts:

Gift #1. His mother filled the role of both parents when his father passed away just 6 months before his birth.

Gift #2. His uncle brought him from his village to Saigon to get an education and a job.

Gift #3. His ability to leave Vietnam to come to the United States.

Gift #4. His reunion with his wife in 1978 in the United States.

Gift #5. His two daughters were able to receive the finest education at The Ohio State University.

Gift #6. Rotary and the many friends he has made. The many trips and sponsorships of projects worldwide through Rotary have been a blessing to Do.

Do closed his remarks with an Arch Klumph quotation: "We should not live alone . . . we should live in a world of brotherhood, friendship, in a world of love."



Queen of Hearts

Scott Nettle got to draw for the Queen, but could not find her.

Upcoming Programs

9/14/16 Patricia Turman, Postmaster for St. Marys:

Upcoming Greeters

9/7/16 Tim Dicke
9/14/16 Hodge Drake

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

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

