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September 13, 2017

Call to Order

President Jeff Squire opened the meeting and Sue Pittman offered the invocation. Rita Hilty led the singing of "Battle Hymn of the Republic" & "Happy Birthday" to Randy Elsass. Ron Gorby's birthday was also noted.

Guests included Dean Jay Albayyari and Gretchen Rentz from the Lake Campus, Angie Klosterman (Evening Leader), Ed Jeters (Daily Standard) and Jan Heinrich (guest of Jim).

Happy Dollars

Dan Burke represented last week's guest Matt Hughes, who had a chance at the queen. Linda Haines and Bob Leugers were happy for a very successful golf outing for the JTDMH Foundation.

Dick Hudson was happy for his daughter successfully completing an Ironman. Trisha Barnes was happy for the W-G Tigers winning a football games after an extensive losing streak. Abby Balster was happy for a new series of small business training courses starting and for a new VALU Adult Leadership class starting. Alex Pittman was happy for the guest, Dean Jay, coming to Rotary.

Fines

Travis Elsass fined several by asking T/F questions on the history of Rotary. Year founded, first service organization in the USA, first president, etc. Group fines for not wearing Rotary pin and because the Buckeyes lost.

Announcements from Jeff

- Gears and Cheers this Thursday.
- Halloween parade scheduled for October 24. Mark your calendar; all expected to attend. More info to come.
- Thanks to Gayle Masonbrink, Sue and Jamie Pittman, Ellen Hunter, and Mike Burkholder for their efforts on getting the free little libraries set up.
- Pig for Polio bank at check in table.
- Arts Place 50th anniversary celebration on Oct. 14th in Portland. See Jeff if you want to attend.

Program

Today's program was presented by Dr. Jay Albayyari who has been Dean and Chief Academic Officer for the Lake Campus for the last two and a half year.



There is a common misconception that the Lake Campus just offers two year degree programs. In fact, the campus has 11 baccalaureate degrees, several associate degrees and an MBA degree. Enrollment at the Lake is up 7.5% from this time last year. Last year the campus had the largest increase in enrollment of any campus in Ohio. All indications are that enrollment should continue to increase. As the campus grows, it is important that people use the correct terminology and refer to the campus as "the Lake Campus" and NOT "the branch". Wright State has two campuses, the Dayton Campus and the Lake Campus, and that is the preferred way of identifying the campuses. Wright State recently concluded its Rise.Shine fundraising campaign, and the Lake Campus raised over \$8.5M. The support of the WOEF (Western Ohio Education Foundation) board is vital to the success of the Lake Campus. The campus is building a new Agriculture and Water Quality building. The building will be about 8K square feet and is scheduled to open in January 2018 for Spring Semester classes. The

agriculture major currently has about 60 students enrolled and hopes to see continued growth. The Lake Campus would like to be seen as the hub for agriculture for the area. Faculty have received federal and state research dollars for water quality projects; something that did not happen much in the past. The campus opened a third residence hall this year, so there is now housing for nearly 100 students.

Hope to open an "Extension building" in January 2019 that will house the library, nursing labs, sciences labs, and a classroom. The next priority will be an Advanced Manufacturing Center.

Queen of Hearts

Dan Burke's ticket was drawn. The Queen still lives.

Upcoming Programs

- 9/20 Greg Johnson, Robotics
- 9/27 Opioid Epidemic Panel
- 10/4 Paul Hoverman, Niswonger Performing Arts Center

Upcoming Greeters

- 9/20 Lori Martensen
- 9/27 Jake Sutton
- 10/4 Dan Hosek
- 10/11 Kim Ray

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.**

