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Call to Order

President Jeff Squire opened the meeting and Rev. Bill Maki gave the invocation. President Jeff asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of fellow Rotarian, Don Hinckley. He will be deeply missed by all of us.

Guests included Brayden Sullivan (Cisco Award winner), Robert Sullivan (Brayden's grandfather), Dr. Emily Post (guest of Ellen Hunter), Matt Hughes (guest of Dan Burke), and Angie Klosterman (Evening Leader).

Rita Hilty led the singing of "Take Me Out to the Ball Game".

Happy Dollars

President Jeff was happy for OSU and Northwestern wins on

same day; Julie Kraner for auction (11/8 mtg); Gayle Masonbrink, Rev. Bill Maki, Trisha Barnes, and Travis Elsass offered bucks for Bucks and for Riders (as Don Hinckley often did). Ellen Hunter was happy for guest, Dr. Emily Post; Tami Sanford for both daughters 'expecting'; Renee Homan for lap blanket collection for senior citizens.



Ken Strickland donated in tribute for passing of his brother and for his return trip to Mexico for Polio Vaccine distribution; and Mike Burkholder for chance at Queen.

Fines

Rita Hilty fined Kathy Sampson, Mark Ernst, and Mike Makley for missing badges; Robbie Burke for Galen Cisco question (he pitched right and batted right); all those who missed Halloween Parade; those with left-over Halloween candy; those with no item for next week's auction.

Announcements

- Board accepted resignations of Allen Baskett and Mark Ernst
- Thank you letter received from FFA for Rotary donation
- Reminder: FUNdraiser Auction- **11:30 AM meeting start on 11/8/17**; See Julie Kraner to donate; bidding is voluntary

- Next Gears & Cheers—11/9/17 at J.T.'s; DG Deb Cheney presenting
- Recruiting for 3 Board positions and President for 2020-21
- Keith F. says that dues are due!!
- Information regarding services for Don Hinckley announced for all Rotarians who could attend
- Jim Heinrich shared the District 6600 letter received as a tribute for Don Hinckley. He served as Communications Secretary for 14 years, Chief of Staff for Jim Heinrich's and Gary Newton's District Governor years, and represented the District in an exemplary manner.



Program

Today's program was presented by Galen Cisco who returns each year to offer his commentary on the 'American Pastime' and to present the annual "Galen Cisco" award to the outstanding Little Leaguer of the year.

Galen was a 1954 MHS graduate and he played baseball and football for Ohio State University. He took his baseball talents to the Major Leagues, pitching for the Red Sox, Mets, Royals, and serving as a pitching coach for the Royals, Expos, Padres, Blue Jays, and Phillies. During his three years with the Blue Jays, they won three

A.L. East titles and two World Series.

Galen commented on several topics, including the 2018 World Series, the controversy regarding 'slickness' of baseballs, the quality of umpiring decisions (not fond of 'replays' appealing umpiring calls), the shortening of ball-games (often running over 3 hours), and the finer points of pitching and the coaching of pitchers. Galen's choice for 'most complete player'—Willie Mays—perhaps the first five-tool player.

This year's Cisco Award was presented to Brayden Sullivan, who batted .600, with 6 doubles & 5 home runs. He also pitched and had 33 strikeouts in 6 games. Brayden thanked the Club and Galen Cisco for this great honor, saying that 'when he thought of the top players from our local area, Galen was at the top of the list'.

Queen of Hearts

Pat Cogan's ticket was drawn, but he could not find the Queen.

Upcoming Programs

- 11/8 FUNdraiser Club Auction
- 11/15 John McJunkin, American Legion
- 11/22 Chad Doll, Thanksgiving

Upcoming Greeters

- 11/8 Mike Makley
- 11/15 Gary Newton
- 11/22 Jim Heinrich

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.**

