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Call to Order

President Elect Zach Ferrall opened the meeting, and Rita Hilty offered the invocation.

Guests included Mike Eberle and Greg Foxhowen, guests of Mike Burkholder; Beth Kueneke, guest of Alex Pitman, Stephanie Kramer with Interact, and Jan Heinrich, guest of Jim Heinrich. Sydney Albert with the Daily Standard and Angie Klosterman with the Evening Leader were also guests today.

Zach Ferrall led us in singing "Auld Lang Syne. We were almost as good as the Times Square ball-watchers.

Birthdays

All birthday honorees were in attendance today. Beth Noneman, Keith Fledderjohann, and Kathy Bayless all celebrated birthdays this past week.

Happy Dollars

Many Rotarians gave happy dollars for safe holiday travel and special times with family and friends over Christmas. Of note, John Wale gave a happy dollar for the perfect, winless season of the Cleveland Browns; Linda Haines for car raffle tickets; Rita for the replacement furnace installed in the midst of this miserable cold weather; and Kathy Bayless for the delivery of lap blankets to seniors.

Fines

Rita Hilty handled fines today and in honor of the New Year, tested Rotarians about lyrics of Auld Lang Syne and ball-dropping trivia. Group fines included honoring our favorite college football teams who won or lost their bowl games.

Announcements

- Today was annual voting for officers and board members.
- Gears and Cheers is scheduled for January 11 and will be new Rotarian Orientation at JTs at 6:00 PM
- Thanks to John Wale for leading the Christmas Party and to all Rotarians for flexibility on cancellation of last week's meeting.
- This Saturday finds Kathy Bayless and Beth Noneman traveling to Findley for One Rotary Summit, a district leadership program.



Program

Zach introduced today's speaker, Tim Eberle, Security Manager of Ohio History Connection. Tim is a 1978

graduate of St. Marys High School.



Tim is headquartered in Columbus but travels to the Connection's 59 sites and museums across Ohio. The Ohio History Connection is a statewide organization dedicated to preserving and sharing Ohio's stories. The Connection does four things:

1. Manages historical sites and museums
2. Cares for the collections housed in the 59 locations
3. Helps preserve historic places
4. Provide education and outreach services

There are 1.8 million artifacts in the collection and they represent archeology, natural history items, history, audiovisuals and manuscripts.

There are 44,000 cubic feet of records in our state archives. Tim's responsible for security at the main site, but also all sites managed by the Connection and in his first years he has been traveling to the sites to confirm security and handle security issues, which may range from raccoon intrusions to technology obstructions.

Tim encourages Rotarians to learn more about the history of Ohio. Membership to the Ohio History Connection provides free access to all 59 sites.



Queen of Hearts

Yes, it's her again! The lucky selection is Robbie's, but she does not draw the Queen.



Upcoming Programs

- 1/10 Marc Kogan Boys Scouts
- 1/17 Molly Hay BBBS

Upcoming Greeters

- 1/10 Jeff Vossler
- 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 am**

