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Call to Order

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

Visitors included: Judy and Jerry Kuck, guests of our speakers, Jon and Kris Hall, guests of the club, Jake from the Evening Leader and Jan Heinrich, guest of Jim.

Song Leader Jeff Squire led a rousing rendition of "Rotary, My Rotary." Rick Green, Tami Sanford and Jim Heinrich were all celebrating birthdays this week.

Happy Dollars/Fines

Julie Kraner for the upcoming Rotary Auction on October 31, Tami Sanford for the Tailgate for Cancer and all the support for that fundraiser, Randy Elsass for the

debates and for Travis on his Honeymoon, Lori Martenson for the Friends of the Library Bling Fling November 2 and 3 and for the memory of Tom Knapke, Jon Hall for visiting, Emily Post for a conference trip with Ellen Hunter and to announce that she and her husband are expecting!, Trisha Barnes for the Agape Food Drive in Kathy Bayless' memory, Linda Haines for Breast Cancer Awareness month and the Foundation's capital campaign kickoff, Jim Heinrich for turning 80 and for a local Rotary Peace Fellow.



For fines, Jeff Squire, Ellen Hunter and Jon Hall all got trivia right but the cover-alls got everybody anyway.

Announcements

- Our annual Halloween parade will be 10/23/18, followed by Pizza for Polio at the VFW. To participate in the parade, please meet at the library at 5:15.
- Our next debate will be 10/30/18 at the New Bremen American Legion. Hors d'oeuvres will be served at 5:30pm, the debate starts at 6:30.

- The next Gears & Cheers is cancelled due to beggars night in St. Marys, but if you are not passing out candy you can still go to JT's for trivia
- Rotary Auction is October 31. If you are bringing a guest let Julie Kraner know
- Dues are due.

Program

Pres. Zach introduced Greg Kuck and Becky Parker, today's speakers. Greg is originally from New Knoxville, received his education at OSU and currently works in Columbus at the VA. Through his church, he had been on 13 mission trips to Belize.



His church has an extensive relationship with many communities in Belize and he and Becky have been down with the mission trips many times. The success of the mission has come from the personal relationships that the members have built with the people that they work with. Several babies have been named after members and there have been trips to celebrate weddings and births as well as completed projects.

The church annually supports an orphanage, educational scholarships and supply drives for the villages. They also will do specific projects such as building the "Bethel Snack Shop" for students to have a place out of the rain for breaks

during school, providing sinks in schools to replace the buckets they were using, and creating handicapped accessible housing and access for special needs people.

When they travel, everyone packs as many supplies as they can in the luggage. They then buy bulk supplies there, repack them into smaller packages, and then travel to the villages to distribute to the needy.

They use the scholarships to pay it forward in the communities. They work with local families to create local support and identify local need. They want the people who receive the education to return to the villages to act as teachers and medical providers.

The church members pay for all their own travel. All the donations go into programing and supplies for the mission trips themselves. The teams average about 20 people and the strive to bring youth down to teach them about giving to the less fortunate.

Queen of Hearts

Mike Burkholder drew the winning ticket this week, but did could only manage the Jack of Hearts....

Upcoming Programs

10/24 Mike Doseck, Bees
10/31 Rotary Auction

Upcoming Greeters

10/24 Alex Pittman
10/31 Kim Ray

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

