



## THE COG

Rotary Club No. 3503

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October 23, 2019

### Call to Order

PE Wes Protsman opened the meeting and Pastor Bill Maki offered the invocation.

Guests included Mayor Pat McGowan (guest speaker), Greg Foxhoven, Jake Dowling from *The Evening Leader*, Deb Hinckley and Cori Fields (Honorary Members and Rotary Interact Advisors), Jan Heinrich, Aaron Powell, and DW (new member).

Bill Maki led the club in singing "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" in honor of the World Series.

### Happy Dollars

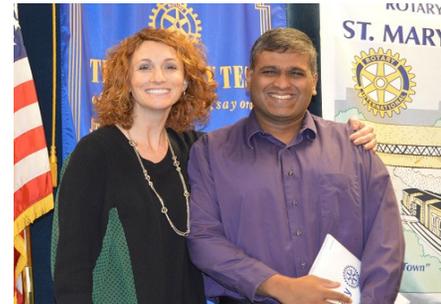
Bill Ruane put in a happy dollar for Deb and Cori being there and for the success of the Chili Supper.

Julie Kraner for the big rivalry game between Celina and SM. Bev Wilker for her mother in law's successful surgery and Dancing with the Stars.

Kraig was happy to be back from his trip to Spain. Mike Lee was happy Ellen loaned him some money after forgetting his wallet. Ellen was happy her friend DW was joining the club. Morgan Paul was happy for the Walk of Nature and upcoming Bling Fling. Zach was happy to be back in attendance and for doing Rules of the Game radio show. Randy was happy for Travis and the birth of the new baby Elsass and also the MESA truck. Dan Burke was happy his brother was on the mends. Brian Botti was happy for a great Family Fund Day at Camp Lakota.

### Fines

Brian passed out fines for those not getting his "corny" jokes!!!

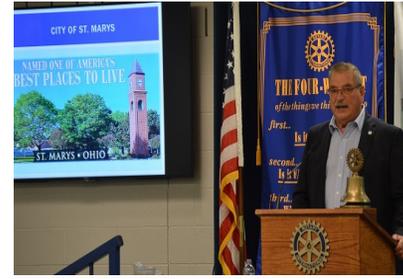


### New Member

Dan Burke called up new proposed member DW and his sponsor Ellen. DW was given the Four Way Test and admitted to the Club. Welcome to the SM Rotary Club DW!!!

### Announcements

- Halloween Parade 5-6:30pm and Pizza Party after.
- Still collecting umbrellas.
- Pancakes at Ellen's 11/2
- Dues are past due



### Program

St. Marys Mayor Pat McGowan gave the group a presentation on "What's Happening...Past, Present, Future" in the City of St. Marys.

The Mayor talked about the excellent people that work for the city and how they are the reason for the successes. He went on to talk about those successes such as the demolish of the old power plant, rate study for electric, water, and sewer, advances in technology, improved financial stability, new Hope Senior Village, St. Marys Square updates, Old Old Kmart improvements by America Manufacturing Solutions, dangerous building removals, Lots for Soldiers, Purple Heart Community, Housing study, new water plant, new electric grid, refurbished generators, downtown façade program, new Vancrest facility, and perhaps the most prestigious recognition/honor SM being selected in "Fifty Best Cities to Live in" by USA Today.

The Mayor also highlighted future plans of the City such as completing the water plant, upgrades to electrical grid, splash pad, canal revitalization, downtown revitalization, Spring St. reconstruction, new city administration building, pedestrian bridge, solar farm, digital sign, and sports complex for football and

soccer near hospital grounds. Many exciting projects and plans for the people of St. Marys in the upcoming years.

### Interact Club Update

The St. Marys Interact Club, which consists of 28 members, has been working hard from the start of the school year. A few projects we have already completed are cleaning up the stadium after home football games, creating a fantastic homecoming banner, and "Put a Cap on Polio" where we chose one day for students and staff to pay one dollar to wear a hat to school. From that project we successfully raised \$125.67 which was then donated to the Polio Plus Foundation. A few upcoming projects we have been excitingly working on is National Interact Week and Rotary Lunch Buddies where each student will be paired with an appropriate Rotarian who fits their interest and will visit them once every quarter.

### Queen of Hearts

Wes drew for the Queen but drew the King of Hearts instead! He did take home \$33!

### Upcoming Programs

- 10/30 Air Camp student
  - 11/6 (open)
  - 11/13 Rebecca Dominguez, veteran's flag project
- ### Upcoming Greeters
- 10/30 Jim Harris
  - 11/6 Rita Hilty
  - 11/13 Dan Hosek

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**