



THE COG

Rotary Club No. 3503

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December 11, 2019

Call to Order

President Travis Elsass called the meeting to order and Kathy Sampson offered the invocation.

Rita Hilty led the club in singing "Joy to the World".

Guests included Jan Heinrich (guest of Jim), past club president Leslie Brady (guest of Dan Burke), Tom Kirk from the Grand Lake Club, and high school Interactors Cori Fields, Sydney Bordicker and Luke Schloemer.

Happy Dollars

Jeff Squire was happy that a group was getting together to play trivia at Duck Foot tonight, Kraig Noble for Leslie visiting, Bev Wilker for the Interact members with us

today, Bill Ruane for the Interact students, Rita Hilty for overhearing good things about our club, Dan Burke for Leslie's visit, Mike Lee for sunny days in Portland, Julie Kraner as an apology for trying Google Docs on the Cog, DW for Kroger's grand reopening, Jim Harris for making good decisions and Brian Botti for the first girls BSA troop in his area.

Fines

Randy Elsass did the fines today. He fined DW for having his picture in the paper and because Karen can't find anything in Kroger's anymore, Tim Benjamin for being late, and he warned the back table to break up next week. He asked questions that most people got wrong. He then group fined pretty much everybody else.

Announcements

- The kids Christmas party will be tomorrow at 6:00.
- We are Christmas caroling December 16 for the retirement homes. Meet at VanCrest at 5:30.
- Our auction will be February 5.
- The District Conference will begin May 1.
- The food truck rally is scheduled for June 20.
- There will be a brief board meeting after today's meeting.
- Travis presented a check to Tim Benjamin for Wayne Street.
- Travis received a check from the Interact officers representing their Polio Plus fundraiser.



Program

PE Wes Protsman introduced today's Rotary Foundation Speaker. Our own PDG Gary Newton gave the presentation.



The Rotary Foundation (TRF) is the charitable arm for Rotary. It started in 1917 to create an endowment for doing good in the world.

Gary went over a brief history of TRF. He talked about Polio Plus, which is the biggest project with Rotary and discussed how close we are to eradicating a disease from the face of the Earth for only the second time. It's not over yet but we are too close to stop.

Gary talked a little about the funding mechanism for TRF. Paul Harris Fellows are people who have donated \$1,000.00 to the

foundation. Last year TRF raised over \$322 million and since its inception has raised over \$5 billion. Rotary holds on to the funds for three years and then releases half the funds back to the Districts for District grants. Our club has made good use of the District matching funds for our own projects.

Gary discussed other foundation priorities, like the Peace Scholar program and the Rotary Peace Centers around the world. He spoke about the Birthing Simulation grant that he is working on for Mongolia.

See Beth Noneman for your donation. There are club matches and Heinrich Foundation matches that will speed up your accumulation of points towards your Paul Harris.

Queen of Hearts

Tim Benjamin's ticket was drawn, but he did not find the Queen.

Upcoming Programs

12/18 Christmas Gift Exchange
12/25 No Meeting
1/1 No Meeting

Upcoming Greeters

12/18 Kevin Lawler

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

*** Please note: Rotarian who is serving as 'Greeter' should be in place by 11:30 AM**

