



## THE COG

Rotary Club No. 3503

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August 19, 2020

### Call to Order

President Wes Protsman called the meeting to order and Alex Pittman offered the invocation.

No visiting Rotarians, but guests included Kaitlyn Keene (guest of Kraig Noble) and Jake and Teresa Dowling (Evening Leader).

### Happy Dollars

President Wes was happy for the weather, Bill Ruane for today's speaker and school starting, Tim Benjamin for being back after a medical issue, and Kraig Noble for Kaitlyn from Arby's visiting our club today and for the band director speaking. Jim Hienrich over the Zoom call announce the passing of PDG John Broadbeck.

### Fines

Mike Burkholder fined Wes because we ran out of lunches, and then he did space trivia and group fined everyone.



### Announcements

- Promoting Celina Rotary Club "Glow-Ball" golf outing on 8/29— 7:00 pm registration; 8:45 pm tee time; \$50 per person
- Talk to Wes if you want to help deliver the school bags to the schools. We filled six backpacks for each grade K-5.
- Sign up for trash pick-ups on 8/22 & 8/29
- Wes delivered the golf outing trophy to the Celina club. We need to win it back next year.
- September 30 is our District Governor club visit. Make plans to come and show support for DG Keith.
- Past President Ed Raudabaugh passed away. No details were given for any service.

### Program

PE Mike Lee introduced our presenter today. Riley Roby is the current director of bands for St. Marys. He is originally from Grove

Port, Ohio. This is his second year teaching at St. Marys and his seventh overall.



Riley's presentation introduced the staff that has been working with him during band camp (including Dane Newlove who he described as not really retired). He went over the Band Parents Organization and described how they are raising funds for new instruments and for the expected 2021 Disney trip.

He talked at length about the precautions that he and his staff have taken during the Covid-19 restrictions. For band camp they did a staggered start, kept groups under 20 students and rehearsed in the gym to allow for greater social distancing. It wasn't until July 20 that the entire band got together, and that was outside.

The band now has a mask on/mask off whistle command. They have a no touching rule, distance markers on the floor and bell covers on all the horns to prevent spread. He did indicate that it is hard to stop high school students from congregating.

The band is still doing some on-line learning and he went over the on-line resources. He discussed some of his teaching philosophy, including living with Covid and adapting rather than just cancelling band.

Riley uses band to help his student develop life skills that are useful outside of band. He wants his students to have the discipline and structure to have fun while avoiding chaos.

This year the marching band will only play home games and are planning three shows. They are still unsure of what will happen for the playoffs and for the concert band season. They plan to split the bands for social distancing but may have to do a virtual concert in December.

### Queen of Hearts

Trisha's ticket was pulled and she pulled a Joker. She ended up giving more than half to Alisher.

### Upcoming Programs

8/26 Doug Fry & Roughrider  
Football Captains

9/2 Judge Mark Spees, Auglaize  
County Youth Programs

### Upcoming Greeters

8/26 Mike Burkholder

9/2 Beth Noneman

9/9 Pat Cogan

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

*\* Please note: 'Greeter' should be in place by 11:30 AM*

