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Call to Order

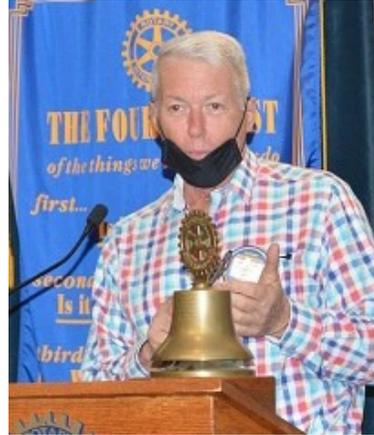
President Wes Protsman called the meeting to order and Alex Pittman offered the invocation.

Tess Elshoff, PE for the New Bremen/New Knoxville Club (and mom to our speaker) was visiting today, along with Jake Dowling from the Evening Leader.

Happy Dollars

Pres. Wes was happy for the rain, Larry Hammond for successful cataract surgery, Robert Luckey for the support as a new member, Kraig Noble for the rain, power crews and a family reunion, Randy Elsass for a shot at the Queen and Tess being with us today, and Bev Wilker over

Zoom for keeping her family safe by staying away and still able to join the meeting.



Fines

Julie Kraner did the fining. She did September trivia and then group fined everybody.

Announcements

- Dues are Due.
- Randy announced that there will be a debate for the candidates for our US House of Representatives seat on October 6. Please get him good, well thought out and relevant questions.
- The Dictionaries will be handed out tomorrow. Contact Wes if you want to help.
- Mike Lee will be riding a leg of the MESA bike ride. Check out the MESA website for ways to support this year's version of the fundraiser.
<https://rotarydistrict6600.org/mesa-bike-tours/>

Program

PE Mike Lee introduced our speakers today. Hannah and Heidi

Elshoff are both rodeo riders who are part of the Ohio Rodeo Association. Hannah is part of the Ohio High School Rodeo Team. Out west there are schools where rodeo is a school sponsored sport. Ohio does not have any of those, but students can ride for the association. You need good grades to be eligible, and the season runs from August 1 to mid July each year.



Hannah was president of the Ohio team last year. There are teams for grades 6-8 and grades 9-12. There is also Junior Rodeo for younger students K-2 and 3-5. Hannah gave a presentation that went over the events in which students compete. Many events are gender specific. Boys participate in bareback riding, bull riding, calf roping, among others. Girls do barrel racing, breakaway roping, goat tying and others. There is also team roping and both genders do cutting, which uses your horse to separate a specific calf from the group.

Students practice and compete with their own horses. Stock companies provide the bulls and other animals. She said while there are some animal issues, rodeo is

very careful about the health and safety of the animals involved.

Rodeo can also be dangerous sport. There are 43 US states and four countries that compete high school rodeo. She has known some high school peers who have gone on to in the professional rodeo. Hannah's favorite event is goat tying.

Heidi talked about Junior Rodeo. She is a rodeo princess and gets to ride in parades and represent rodeo with the queens. Official meets are one weekend a month, but students can participate in event specific events like barrel races or bull riding.

Queen of Hearts

Larry Hammond's ticket was pulled but the Queen lives.

Upcoming Programs

- 9/16 Heidi Lisi, DECA Program + Senior Students @ Memorial HS
- 9/23 Mark Schimmel ODNR

Upcoming Greeters

- 9/16 Randy Elsass
- 9/23 Zach Ferrall

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

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

