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Call to Order

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

We recognized birthdays of Bill Ruane, Randy Elsass & Brent Miller.

No visiting Rotarians, but guests included Heidi Lisi, Memorial High School DECA Advisor and seven DECA students, Jarret Webb (guest of Mike Lee) and Jake Dowling (Evening Leader).

Happy Dollars

Bill Ruane was happy for being one year short of birthday milestone and for DECA group joining today's meeting; Dick Hudson was \$5 happy for having his 35th birthday (for the 51st time); Lori Martensen was \$5 happy for DECA group and for

Wright State Lake Campus enrollment being at 1,751; and Kraig Noble was happy for the return of Big Ten football.



Fines

Finemaster, Tami Sanford quizzed the group in honor of National Play-Doh Day. We learned that this children's modeling compound was originally used to clean wallpaper; that Play-Doh's original colors were red, blue, and green; that the Play-Doh scent is patented (and available in a perfume). Group fines included those who had not bought the Chamber of Commerce chicken dinner, those who had not seen an MHS sports team in action, and those who had not fed birds from the back of a boat.

Announcements

- Thanks to Jim Harris and Dictionary Committee for recent distribution to students
- Mark your calendar for debate between Rep. Jim Jordan and Shannon Freshour on 10/6/20; to be broadcast on FaceBook and Zoom—send questions to Randy Elsass by 9/25/20
- Thank-you letters received from St. Marys Community Public Library (for assistance with property clean-up) and from Ally Ott (scholarship winner)

Program

Heidi Lisi and the local DECA club officers presented today's program. Heidi began teaching with Apollo Career Center and later joined MHS as a teacher of Marketing and Business. She also serves as club advisor for the local DECA group.

The Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) originally focused on providing high school students with work experience. In recent years, objectives are to help students learn about business, marketing, hospitality, and finance, while developing public speaking and leadership skills.



The local DECA group is a part of Tri-Star which means that the local group could include students from several school districts. This year's DECA group has 41 student members from the 11th and 12th grades—all of whom are from St. Marys. Students meet regularly in their own DECA class and they plan and execute a wide variety of programs and activities throughout the year.

Each of the DECA officers took turns in explaining club programs and activities, such as:

- DECA Depot—a store run by the club to sell candy, gum, and personal items to other students
- "Head-to-Toe" Program that collects various apparel items that are donated to those in need in our local area

- State and National scholarship competitions on how to develop a new business, how to market a product, and more

The DECA group has also taken an interest in community concerns. They joined Goodfellows' annual donations to those in need and plan to develop a "Rider-O-Poly" game to feature and publicize local businesses while raising funds for the club.



Queen of Hearts

Mike Lee's ticket was pulled, but the Queen still lives.

Upcoming Programs

- 9/23 Tracy Smith, Grand Lake Health Pain Center
- 9/30 Keith Hodkinson, 2021 District Governor
- 10/7 Galen Cisco, Little League Galen Cisco Award
- 10/14 Craig Riedel, District 82 State Representative

Upcoming Greeters

- 9/23 Zach Ferrall
- 9/30 Sue Pittman
- 10/7 Rob Bechtel
- 10/14 Brian Botti

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

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

