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Tuesday October 20, 2020

By Kathleen Runser

President Dan called the meeting to order and led us in singing “God Bless America” followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Today’s invocation and reflection was given by **Deb Warden**: “Dear God, we pray this day for our Country. We ask that you bless our elected leaders and political candidates with wisdom and vision. We ask that you bless our citizens with safe cities, neighborhoods, and streets. We ask that you lead us all to set aside our differences, to be respectful of varying opinions and to work for the common good. We ask that you help us abide by the Rotary 4-Way Test in all that we do and say. Amen.”

Also helping today was **Mindy Nielsen** on Zoom tech duty.

Song of the Day

Song leader **Nathan Russell** led the group in singing “All Hail to Rotary.”

October 27, 2020

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Announcements

- Fried Ice Cream Fund Raiser is October 25 at Smitty’s—servers still needed
- **Steve** will be re-send survey for Fried Ice cream help
- **Mindy** will be sending out a survey regarding hybrid meetings so look for that
- The Kid’s Christmas Party has been cancelled for this year, but **Nicolle** is working with **Carrie Pope** to ensure Santa will still be delivering gifts!

Jug/Happy Dollars

- Join next week to see an interesting photo shared by **Don Boddy**...
- **Mindy Nielsen** is going to be a first-time aunt to a nephew who is due on her birthday.
- There was some mention of a Steelers victory???!
- **Sam Battle** donated a Happy Dollar for the quilt designed and made by council woman Brenda Davis which was highlighted in the Chronicle Telegram.

- Lorain County Board of Elections –don't forget to vote early, turn in your absentee ballots, or show up to the polls on Election Day!

Today's Speaker -- Johnny Podradksy – Group Study Exchange

President Dan Haight introduced the day's speaker. Johnny is originally from Westlake, OH but is currently living in Sunnyvale, CA with his fiancé Emily who is the president of the Rotary e-Club. Johnny studied to be an engineer but is currently working at Google.

Johnny began his program by asking "How has Rotary impacted You?" In his case, the Rotary Group Study Exchange (GSE) changed his life for the better and changed his perspective on the world.

Johnny was a GSE student to Australia in 2014. Part of the GSE experience is immersing one's self into the culture of the host country as well as learning about the vocational similarities and differences between the U.S. and the host country. During his time in Australia, he participated in vocational tours, cultural site tours and formal events and experienced the daily life routines of his host families.

Johnny then talked about his Rotary experience and his job at Google and how they have impacted his life and his global outlook. Impact—A measure of the tangible and intangible effects of one's actions or influence on another.

He talked about how impact works at Google and projects are set up to have an impact in a variety of ways; with the project itself, the intra-team (the team itself) and inter-team (impact on other teams). To grow and move up at Google you need to already be impacting levels higher than the one you are already working at. This is a mindset known as "impact first thinking" and is a way to view the world. Another way to think of this concept is to begin with the end in mind.

Impact First Thinking in Rotary:

- Starts with yourself—just showing up, what do you want out of it
- Increase scope—your club, building deeper relationships with other members, social events, actively participating
- Families and activities that are involved, impacting outside the club, impacting non-Rotarians
- Further impact communities, country, the world

Impact First Thinking: Choosing a Scope

- How do you choose a scope
 - What are your strengths?
 - Interests?
 - Relationships and partnerships
 - Time commitment
- What level of scope is most meaningful to you?
- What challenges are you prepared to overcome?

Impact First Thinking: The Challenges

- Inspiration
- Resources
- Accountability
- Perseverance

Johnny ended with a challenge for us to determine our individual scope in Rotary and use impactful thinking to follow through.

There will be a book donated to the Elyria Public Library in honor of the speaker as soon as **Dan Haight** and **Kathy Runser** coordinate a drop off.

Weekly Elyria Zoom Meeting Link:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86461082213?pwd=aVhiV1FBQ1o3cnlwVHZ3dXptODRndz09>

Meeting ID: 864 6108 2213

Password: Rotary

ERC YouTube Recording:

<https://youtu.be/mjc1Yr35FyE>