

Rotary



Club of Tiffin

TSEP Updates Rotary

By Lee Martin on Monday, January 23, 2023



President Anne Lange DeVine opened the January 17th meeting at Camden Falls . Rev. Phil Moerdyk gave the opening prayer. O

Guests/Attendance:

Student guests today were Trevor Wise and Travis Wise from Sentinel and Alison Kramer from Columbian. Ray Wise was the guest of Ty Cooper and Kaylen Boes was with Kari Steele. Prospective member Zack Fowler was also present. Attendance today was 19. The Basket Fund raised \$33. Char Pope won the Weekly Drawing and Ed Lewis the Free Lunch. Keith Hodkinson celebrated a birthday this week.

Committee Reports:

Mimi Johnston reported that the Marketing Committee is going to begin interviewing Tiffin Rotarians for Facebook so that we get to know our fellow Rotarians a little better. It will be called Our Person of the Month. The Foundation is proposing a donation of \$10,000 to the Club's Centennial project which will have to be voted on and approved by the membership. They have also donated \$600 to Nobil School 7th & 8th graders for a Writing Tournament to be held at Ashland University President Anne reminded everyone to consider attending the District Conference in May. Registration is open and discounted through the end of January.

Sarge's Report:

Assistant Sarge Mary Habig received a Happy Dollar from Kari Steel for the United Way Campaign's Gift Certificate Raffle. Mary had one for her husband finally being home from the hospital. Mimi had one for her birthday present which was spent at a carriage house in Massillon with her childhood friend. Charlie had five HDs "just because", Amber had one for the Rotary Leadership Institute which she, Anne and Dave S. attended last weekend. Molly had one for the Micah Hyde Foundation's gift of shoes and totes to kids at Nobil School. Chris had one to remind people that the UW campaign can reach its \$1.2 M goal if everyone would just donate \$1/week for 52 weeks. Easy peasy! Phil had two: one for his recent trip to Pasadena where he saw the Rotary

Club Meeting

Tiffin meets at
Camden Falls
Reception &
Conference Center
2460 SR 231
Tiffin, OH 44883or
via Zoom

Time: Tuesday at
12:00 PM

Speakers

January 24, 2023

[Joan Zimmerman -
Tiffin Flea Market](#)

January 31, 2023

[Lee Martin with
DACdb tutorial](#)
Our very own Lee
Martin is going to
give us a tutorial on
DACdb

**February 07,
2023**

[Trisha Flint - ROX
ROX](#)

**February 14,
2023**

[Rotary On The Road
@ National
Machinery](#)
Andrew Kalnow
hosting us at
National Machinery.

**February 21,
2023**

[Phil M w/
Foundation Update.
New Member
Invocations &
Vocational talks](#)

Birthdays

Keith W. Hodkinson
PDG
January 21st
Molly A. Lofton
January 24th

International Rose Parade float and one to announce that his church is starting a new Grief Share program on Feb. 13.

Program:

Our program today featured TSEP—Tiffin-Seneca Economic Partnership. Our speakers included Aaron Montz, President & CEO; Adam Gillmor, Development Coordinator; Corrina Haynes, Operations Manager; and Carol Kern, Business Services Consultant. Aaron began by noting the need for housing in Tiffin and Seneca County. He believes it will be resolved by a partnership between the county and the city. A major issue is space. There is relatively little available space in the city limits and little sewer service outside the city. They are also working on providing broadband service to the whole county. Fiber optic cable is being installed by Broadband Ohio. Their goal is to have the whole county serviced in ten years. A 50,000 square foot spec building has been built and is ready for occupants. Hobby Lobby is renovating the JC Penny space in Tiffin Mall at a cost of about \$4M. They will need 60 full-time and 20 part-time employees at a rate of about \$20/hour. He also noted that Church & Dwight is expanding again. Aaron thinks that within ten years, they will be the largest employer in Seneca County.

Corinna reported that she takes care of the financials for TSEP and directs their social media. Adam said that he does both community and economic development. He oversees the Dream Big Tiffin project which now funds projects every two years as well as the Entrepreneurial Opportunity Clearing House and Block Grants. Carol is actually an employee of Seneca County Job & Family Services but works closely with TSEP. She posts job openings and is developing an apprenticeship program with employers that is a first of its kind in Ohio. She helps coordinate a manufacturing showcase for 9th graders to give them some firsthand experience with what kind of manufacturing jobs are available in Seneca County. This program reimburses employers for the training they provide.

Aaron concluded by reporting that Amy Reinhart, who retired recently, successfully completed 14 façade investments in downtown Tiffin for a total of \$340,000. The city welcomed nine new businesses and two expansions. TSEP created a new website and sponsored a two-day Mainstreet Ohio conference and were awarded four Heritage Ohio Awards. For more information, go to www.tiffinseneca.org.

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