

Rotary



Club of Tiffin

Commissioner Shuff Talks about the County

By Robert Lee Martin



President Mimi Johnston opened the July 16th meeting at the Chandelier Event Center. Rev. Phil Moerdyk gave the opening prayer.

Guests/Attendance:

We had several guests today: Danielle Cuadra was hosted by Mimi Johnston, Sherri Trusty was a guest of our speaker, Tyler Shuff and Dominic Frey was our lone Visiting Rotarian from the Findlay Breakfast Club. Attendance today was 24. The Basket Fund raised \$87. The Weekly Drawing was won by Dave Weininger and the Free Lunch by Janet Shutt.

Committee Reports:

Charlene Thomas, Centennial Committee Chair, reported that the club will vote on the location of the Centennial Clock on July 30th. Youth Projects chair Molly Lofton reminded the club to add the

date of November 12, 2024 to your calendar for the Youth Assets Luncheon at Camden Falls. Beth Schweitzer, Centennial Fundraising Committee chair said that her committee will be sending out letters to potential sponsors of our Rotary Ribs Rock and Rum event on October 19, 2024.

Sarge's Report:

Our Sarge had a Happy Dollar because while his family was away, he was able to have corned beef, something the rest of his family dislikes. Derek had 20 HDs because he was able to spend time camping n with his whole family. Sarah had 20 HDs for one daughter being in Texas and another in Kentucky where she took 5th in Showmanship with goats. Char had one because she was able to see the completed racing documentary for which she wrote and performed the music. Anne had one for her mother who won a Christmas Tree skirt and a tree to go with it! Gina had one for her new grand-dog-ter! Mimi had one to say thanks to everyone for offering their congratulations and help.

Program:

Commissioner Tyler Shuff was our speaker today. He started by acknowledging the team at the Commissioner's office and their willingness to work together. He said that in 2023, they hired Barb Patterson to be the County Administrator. He then explained that the purpose of the Commissioner's office is to develop and improve policies, develop a budget and maintain the county's infrastructure. One of the first questions they always ask when developing a budget is: Is this item a "need" or a "want"? He emphasized they usually don't have money for "wants". He noted that they have also contracted with Renee Smith from Fostoria to do grant writing and she has done well so far. The Commissioners purchased the old Advertiser-Tribune building and are re-purposing the building to house the USDA, Soil & Water Conservation, the OSU Extension and possibly more. It will be called the Ag Building. He noted that they all supported Senator Reineke's Senate Bill 119 which provides for more local oversight of landfills. Tyler then talked about the new EMS building being built in Bloom Township. This is the first of four new buildings for the Seneca County Joint EMS District. The new buildings, when completed, will be able to provide faster EMS response to all parts of the county. He then explained that the county has hired Brewer-Garrett to provide efficiency upgrades to all the county's buildings. While this will cost up front, the savings in efficiency will more than offset the initial cost. In collaboration with Bascom Communications and North Central Electric, the county is greatly expanding broadband to rural areas. Tyler then touched on the years' worth of planning completed for the Eclipse event last April and the planning for the Bicentennial which kicked off this year. He then spent some time talking about servant leadership and how important it is to him. He also announced that he is not planning on running for re-election. For more information on the county, go to: www.senecacounty.gov.

Club Meeting

Tiffin meets at the Chandelier Event Center, 151 S. Washington St., Tiffin, OH 44883

or via Zoom

Time: Tuesday at 12:00 PM

Speakers

July 23, 2024
No noon meeting!
Instead, we meet on Thursday, July 25, at 12:15 pm at First Lutheran Church for FISH Food Distribution.

July 30, 2024
Lee Martin
Educational Topic Regarding Rotary International (Lee's Choice!)

Birthdays

Jeffrey Alan Feasel
July 30th
Luke J Bolte
July 30th

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