

Rotary



Club of Tiffin

Rotary: Kids On Stage, The Wonderlands, and Passing the Gavel

By Robert Lee Martin



President Amber Stover opened the June 25th meeting at the Chandelier Event Center. Rev. Charlene Thomas offered an opening prayer. Amber then Charlene Thomas, Char Pope and Lee Martin to the front and together they presented a poster they successfully bid on at May's District Conference which featured our own Keith Hodkinson as a Fiddlesticks. Amber briefly reviewed her year president noting that the club did receive the Rotary Citation for 2024 by achieving more than 50% of our goals for the year. We also hit our Annual Fund goal, had five social events, had six members attend the District Conference and hosted the Youth Assets Luncheon, created a STRIVE group of students, and awarded youth scholarships.

Amber next installed Mimi Johnston as the 2024-25 club president, giving Mimi her new president's pin and badge. The club rose to welcome Mimi as president. Mimi then thanked Amber for all her work in moving our club forward. She presented her with the Gavel Award and her Past President's pin and badge. The club rose and gave Amber a standing ovation. Mimi then called the new officers and directors to the front and installed them. They are: Dave Spridgeon, president-elect; Rachal Tate, president-nominee; Derek Sidor, treasurer; Lee Martin, secretary; and Tom Zirm, sergeant-at-arms; Charlie Hayward and Tom Zirm. She then thanked outgoing directors Anne Lange DeVine and Kim Simonds.

Next, Mimi installed the Foundation's officers and directors. They are: Beth Schweitzer, president; Anne Lange DeVine, vice-president; co-secretaries Chris Lewis and Lindsay Sooy; treasurer, Mark Somodi; and new directors Sarah Betts, Lindsay Sooy and Amber Stover.

Guests/Attendance:

Guests today included Donna McConahay with her daughter Charlene Thomas. Attendance today was 20. The Basket Fund raised \$28. Charlie Hayward won the Weekly Drawing and Nancy Weaver won the Free Lunch.

Sarge's Report:

Happy Dollars came from Molly Lofton for Tommy Vcek playing multiple instruments and participating in the Music Academy at St. Paul's Church and for Off Our Rockers also participating. Gina had one for Tom's ice cream dessert. Joel had one for buying Fabrizio Chiropractic and for his wife starting her own aesthetic business in Tiffin. He also announced a new little girl coming later this year! Congratulations Joel and Lindsay!! Dave W. had one for North Coast Concert Band which will be performing this Sunday at 7pm at the new Fremont amphitheater.

Program:

Our program today was presented by Mimi Johnston, Charlene Thomas and Char Pope. Mimi noted that Charlene wrote a successful grant to the National Methodist Church to support a variety of needs in Tiffin and Seneca County. Among them was a music program for adults and kids. The adult (people 50+) program has manifested itself as the singing group Off Our Rockers. Next, Char Pope shared a video clip of the Kids On Stage (kids 11-16) summer music camp at St. Paul's Church. The kids were taught how to write lyrics, perform musical instruments, operate sound boards, tear down, transport and setup equipment, and more. As a finale, Mimi introduced two members of the Nashville band, The Wonderlands, who traveled to Tiffin to provide one-on-one lessons to the kids. The group has produced two albums and a third is now available. Two of their members, Miles Jenna (vocals and guitar) and Derek Johnson (drums) performed two of their songs to the great delight of their Rotarian audience. Then the kids will perform a concert Saturday from 4-5 with help from Off Our Rockers at St. Pauls Church and The Wonderlands will perform from 5-6 pm.

Club Meeting

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

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Time: Tuesday at 12:00 PM

Speakers:

President Mimi Johnston will talk about her goals

Birthdays

No Birthdays Found



Two members (Miles Jenna and Derek Johnson) of The Wonderlands perform for Rotary.



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