

Rotary



Club of Tiffin

Club Meeting

Tiffin meets at The Chandelier Event Center, 155 S. Washington St. Tiffin, OH 44883

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Time: Tuesday at 12:00 PM

Speakers

September 10, 2024

Deb Cheney
Waterville Blues, Brews & Brats

September 17, 2024

Brenda Luhring
Current State of Education in Ohio

September 24, 2024

Timothy P. Ryan
DG Official Visit

September 24, 2024

Tim Ryan, District Governor
Annual District 6600 Governor Visit

Birthdays

Ty C. Cooper
August 31st

Charlene J. Pope
September 5th

Beth M. Schweitzer
September 9th

Charlene Thomas on Growing Up on the Marshes of Lake Erie

By Robert Lee Martin



President Mimi Johnston opened the September 3rd meeting at the Chandelier Event Center. Rev. Phil Moerdyk offered an opening prayer. President Mimi and Secretary Lee Martin presented Past President Amber Stover with the Rotary Excellence Award for achieving the majority of her goals during her Rotary year as President. The club gave her a standing ovation. Congratulations, Amber!

Guests/Attendance:

The Basket Fund raised \$21. Char Pope won the Weekly Drawing and Janet Shutt won the Free Lunch. Celebrating birthdays this week were Char Pope and Beth Schweitzer.

Committee Reports:

Social chair Anne Lange DeVine noted that Jim Fruth has joined her committee. Also, Rotary needs some volunteers to participate in Downtown Trivia on Sep. 12. Anne reminded us that two of our Rotarians are performing in an eight-hand piano concert at Heidelberg on Sep. 22. On the same date, Rotary has hired the Tiffin Pedal Bike for a history tour through Tiffin with John Reino starting at 5 pm. Chris Lewis reported that the Foundation has received a donation request from the Life@TU program and is interested in this for reaching a new market. Anne reported that we're looking for a volunteer to host the Christmas celebration this year. If interested, contact her.

Sarge's Report:

Sarge Tom had a Happy Dollar for College Football being back and Beth had one for the Guardians. Anne had one for her sister singing "That Crazy Old Man from China" when she was young.

Program:

Our speaker today was our own Charlene Thomas who talked about what it was like to grow up on the marshes of Lake Erie. Charlene began by telling us that her parents could not have been any different. Her dad was a farmer in Oak Harbor and her mom was an Italian-Irish girl from the big city of Philadelphia. They met in a bar in Florida thanks to a bet her dad made and the rest is history. Early on, they went to Alaska but moved back to the Oak Harbor area. Her dad became a manager of hunting properties in Sandusky and Ottawa Counties that had thousands of acres of marsh land. He managed these properties for the purpose of hunting. Some of the clubs he managed were: Sandusky Bay Duck Club (NE Flyway), Ottawa Shooting Club, Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge, Gadwell Bay Hunt Club and Winous Point Hunt Club. As a young girl, Charlene trained retrievers and pointers that were used by hunters. Her dad often had to fill in as a "punter" for customers who were hunting ducks. He would take them out into the marsh in a long, flat-bottomed boat called a "punt" and use a long pole to navigate them to where the ducks were. If the clients were bad shots, he also acted as the "back-up shooter" so that each hunter got their quota of ducks. As a result, Charlene and her dad spent a lot of time together out in the marsh where she became a proficient hunter. The job could be dangerous. Once a client accidentally shot her dad but he recovered. They also met prestigious people: Peter Coors visited one of his properties and was caught drinking a Budweiser but quickly confiscated the camera film that her mom had used to catch the moment. Though she doesn't hunt anymore, Charlene has a healthy respect for guns, gun safety, and hunting.

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