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Today's Meeting News

• Hosts

- **Greeters**
 - Lana Archer
 - Mary Bruno
- **Presiding Officer**
 - Susan Gilmore
- **Reporter**
 - Brian Callaghan
- **Photographer**
 - Dick McLaughlin
- **Publisher**
 - Dick McLaughlin
- **Invocation**
 - Cal Tuttle

• Guests

- An interclub from Brooklyn comprised of Lieutenant Governor Sue Church, Bonnie Bartlett, Jeanne Gilmore and Jan Witte came to have breakfast with us this morning.



• Announcements

- Doug Bird had forms to fill out for anyone who might be asked to drive a golf cart at MIS this summer. The MIS insurance now requires a background check on any person operating one of their carts.



- President Susan Gilmore conducted a second reading for the nomination of Ron Wimble as a replacement for Bob Forester on the Kiwanis Board and a first reading for Ron Publiski who has been nominated to replace another retiring member of the board.
- Bryan Masten announced that he has obtained additional tickets for Cirque du Soleil in Toledo on April 30th and that their block of seats has been upgraded to a better location. If you are interested in going, contact either Bryan or Heather ASAP. They are also planning to meet somewhere in Toledo for dinner before the show with any of the attendees who are interested. Let him know if you would like to participate. The time and location will depend on how many might want to have dinner together.



Bryan Masten Announces Changes to the Cirque du Soleil trip.

- Ron Wimple reported on the attendance at last week's Travel and Adventure. He also announced that the last show of this season will be on the Wildlife of Yellowstone National Park on April 8th.



Ron Wimple Reports on Travel and Adventure.

- Ron Publiski reported that Nick Handler had to return to the hospital for four days this week when he developed some additional problems. Nevertheless, Nick is back home and still hoping to return to Kiwanis in the next couple of weeks.

Ron also reminded us of the Fish Fry at the American Legion coming up on April 26th. He and his cohorts from the Handler Funeral Home will be cooking, and proceeds from the night will go to the Disabled American Veterans. Mark it on your calendar - he will have more details next week.



Ron Publiski Reminds Us of the Upcoming Fish Fry.

- Doug Bird pointed out that we have inducted four new members in the last month and congratulated the club on its effort. He also urged members to keep bringing in guests to introduce them to the club. We now have 52 members, but he hopes we can get the membership level back up to the sixties again.

• New Member Induction

Sponsor Doug Bird introduced our newest member Cathi Cook, the minister of the First Presbyterian Church of Tecumseh. Cathi and her husband Andy now live in Tipton. Cathi came to the ministry after a career with GT&E and after raising their two children. Most recently she was at the First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth where

she served as an assistant minister. Welcome aboard, Cathi!



Doug Bird Introduces Cathi Cook with Tom Meyer Performing the Induction.

• Seniors of the Month

Ron Publiski presented the two Tecumseh High School Seniors of the Month: Elizabeth Becker and Jessica Cory.

Elizabeth and Jessica are both 9-year members of the string orchestra and members of the National Honor Society. Elizabeth intends to pursue a career in nursing and will be attending Eastern Michigan University next fall. Jessica will also continue her studies at Eastern Michigan and play in the orchestra there.



Seniors of the Month for February: Elizabeth Becker and Jessica Cory.

• 50/50 Drawing

Beth Noden would have been \$8.50 richer this morning when her number was drawn, but she wasn't in the pot. Instead, the pot carries over to next week. Thanks, Beth!

• Fine Session

Fine Master Jody Howard had more St. Patrick's Day trivia for us this morning. Did you know, for instance, the over 13 million pints of Guinness were consumed on St. Patrick's Day?



Fine Master Jody Howard.

Special Fines and Happy Dollars

- George Eidson provided "information" on the Irish.



George Eidson Provides "Information" on the Irish.

- Tom Meyer had a Happy Dollar for a memorable ride in a Dublin taxi trying to find the Guinness Brewery.



Tom Meyer Happily Remembers an Irish Cab Ride.

- Doug Bird had a Happy Dollar for getting to see the Tigers in spring training this past week.



Doug Bird Got His "Irish" Shirt at the Tigers Spring Training Game.

- Heather Masten had two Happy Dollars: one for the support from Kiwanis at the March Mingle this past weekend; one for the fact that it is over for this year.
- Beth Noden had a Happy Dollar for everyone who attended the Fellowship gathering at the March Mingle.



Fine Collector Beth Noden Had a Happy Dollar for the Fellowship at March Mingle.

- Mary Bruno had a Happy Dollar for a great vacation cruise.



Mary Bruno is Happy for a Great Vacation Cruise.

• Birthdays and Anniversaries

Ruth and John Deming are celebrating their anniversary on Saturday (3/22). We sang quickly for them.



Anniversary Celebrants Ruth and John Deming.

• Program

Spencer Ruffner introduced the Cobalt Commanders, otherwise know at the Tecumseh High School Robotics Club: Aaron Clark, Will Collins, Mitch Smith, Lucy Venable, Ryan Elkins, Wyatt Wagner, Zack Witte and their advisor Doug Collins.



Members of the Cobalt Commanders - the THS Robotic Club.

The club brought its practice robot to demonstrate what this year's challenge is in the state-wide robot competition. This practice robot is adapted from last year's robot to allow the members to get a feel for the operation of the robot in the competition. The actual competition machine is wrapped up at the end of the 6-week design and assembly period and stored until the competition gets underway to make sure that each time has exactly the same time frame in which to work.



Practice Robot Built by the THS Robotics Club.

The team demonstrated how the robot picks up the 24" diameter exercise ball and manipulates it. There are several increasingly more complex maneuvers that the robot must make with the ball in the actual competition,

and points are awarded for each maneuver that is successfully completed.

After the presentation, Youth Services Co-Chair Kelly Coffin presented the Robotics Club with a check for \$1,000 to support them in the competition.



Kelly Coffin Presents a \$1,000 Check to Spencer Ruffner for the Robotics Club.

• Future Meeting Responsibilities

Date	Note Taker	Greeters	Invocation	Fines	Program Chair	Program Description
March 25th	Mike McAran	Carlton Cook Mike McAran	Lana Archer	Mary Bruno	Tom Meyer	Tecumseh Youth Theater - Jennifer Williams
April 1st	Shelley Jeffery	Patti Glotfelty Dick McLaughlin	Carlton Cook	Beth Noden	Mike McAran	City of Tecumseh - Kevin Welch
April 8th	Doug Bird	Ron Wimple David Stimpson	Wendy Brys	Doug Bird	Anne Walker	Meals on Us - Barb Callis
April 15th	Anne Walker	John Barnhart John Bartram	Jerry Wolf	Terry Lighthall	Dan Meikle	TBA

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