

August 17, 2022

14 Eastside Rotarians, 1 prospective member (Dr. Brian Crouch from the St. Joseph School District), and our 2 program speakers, Mike and Jerre Robertson, gathered today at the Albrecht Kemper Museum of Art for Rotary. Lunch was catered by the Golden Corral, and featured grilled pork chops, rice, rolls, salad, mix, and carrot cake.

It was great to see Past President Nick Gertsema back at Rotary after a hectic recent office move.

This is the 2nd of 2 times that we will be running prospective member Joan Thomas' name in the newsletter before she is eligible for induction. Ryan Dowell would be her sponsor. Joan is the catering manager at Golden Corral.

Alan Van Zandt has gotten the hang of the meals on wheels committee, so please keep monitoring your emails for updates.

Thank you to Ralph Schank and Ron Auxier for reviewing this year's MWSU scholarship applicants. They have selected 3 students who will receive scholarships this academic year. The funding for these scholarships comes from the St. Joseph East Rotary Endowed Scholarship at the MWSU Foundation.

Sergeants Josh and Jim collected several happy bucks, including from Ron for the kiddos across the land going back to school, Nick for finally getting to move into his new office AND for he and Rebekah expecting a child in March (#6!), Laura for a successful back to school supply distribution at the Salvation Army (over 600 youth served), Doug for Ryan presiding over last week's meeting, and Josh for an adoption date for his daughter Rose next week.

We also had some interesting American history trivia, in honor of our speakers today.

The club board met after Rotary today. Some of the highlights include that the club will be partnering with the other St. Joseph Clubs on a PolioPlus Putt Putt event sometime in early October, more to come soon on our district grant this year to assist Midtown Community Gardens, plans to have a club holiday party in December (possibly at Herzog Lodge at Camp Geigier?), and future club fundraising (Spaghetti Dinner?).

" Friendliness knows no bounds; it surmounts all barriers; it navigates all seas." Paul Harris - 1935



Today's program was presented by Mike and Jerre Robertson from the Sons of the American Revolution and Daughters of the American Revolution.

The DAR and SAR provide programming and education to preserve history, support and encourage patriotism, and be a presence in our communities.

We learned about the DAR museum in the former Grand Masonic Lodge building in Louisville, KY.

Of particular interest are the youth contests and scholarships that are available to local students.

Club members appreciated learning about their organizations.



Next week's club program on 8/24 will feature a presentation from Rotarian Melissa Frakes about Pivotal Point's new building.