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ATTENDANCE

Members attending the October 20 meeting were: **L BAUER, D & J HARTMANN, HOYLE, KING, MANGOLD, MARTIN, MILLS, PATTERSON** and **WOLF**. Guests were Tamara Alexander, Joleen Cerka, Teri Hartzler, Aliza Hoyle, Molly & Brittany Johnson.

MEETING NEWS

Jennine presented a program on **Typhoid Mary**, Mary Mallon. In 1906 a girl became ill with typhoid fever in New York. Typhoid fever is one of the most contagious diseases. In 1906, 25,000 people died from it in the US alone. This girl died after a few days. County experts felt she might have gotten it from contaminated water or milk or from shellfish from polluted water. After tests it was determined none of these were the cause. An expert was called in to help determine the cause. George Soper quickly ruled out the usual sources of typhoid. He thought a healthy person with an immunity to typhoid germs could spread the disease. Once infected it usually takes 10 to 14 days for the disease to appear. He studied the medical history of every person in the home and the most obvious suspect, the cook, was missing! Mary Mallon, an Irish woman, had disappeared about 3 weeks after the typhoid began. Mary was an innocent victim. Her body was a good spot to breed and multiply the deadly bacteria. She then infected the people she came in contact with. She was a walking killer. She became known as "Typhoid Mary". Mary had worked in several homes from 1896-1906. In 7 of these homes, 28 victims of typhoid were found. Nine died. In 1903, in Ithaca, NY typhoid struck a home and became an epidemic. Mary fled, but she left 1,300 victims. In 1907, she was found in a home working as the cook. Soper tried to tell her of his concern when Mary grabbed a large carving fork and threatened him. She was fired from this job and fled yet again. She was located again and it took 5 men to capture the clawing, biting woman. Mary was taken to a hospital and locked in an isolation ward. Samples of her body wastes contained large amounts of typhoid bacteria. Doctors encouraged her to have her gall bladder removed to eliminate the germs. She refused. She was released from the hospital and continued to lead the authorities on a chase to find her as she continued to infect people. In 1915, Mary was taken to a hospital where she lived until her death in 1938. **Thanks, Jennine** for educating us on Typhoid Mary!

NEWS, NEWS, NEWS

- Teri Hartzler asked if our club would be interested in grilling pork burgers for the **Kewash Half Marathon** that will be held Saturday, April 17, 2021. Club agreed that we could handle this with **Neil** as our griller.
- The **Rada Cutlery Fundraiser** was discussed. On a motion by **Lori** seconded by **John M.** it was decided that we would use this as a fundraiser. Some catalogs were distributed. Orders need to be returned by December 1 to Diana.
- Our club purchased concession equipment from the **American Legion** for \$200. The trailer is being stored at **Bones'** house and the registration for it has been transferred to us.
- Remember our meeting on **November 3** will be held at the "**Old Y**". Enter thru the Day Care Door (west of the main entrance). Be sure to **vote** before arriving! **Diana** has arranged for a speaker to join us.

Y'S MEN NEWS

Our club has been asked to contribute to **The Legacy Campaign** honoring our founder **Paul William Alexander**. Alexander lived in Toledo, OH and his unmarked grave has now had a headstone added and a public park in Toledo has been named after him. There are other plans to honor him are planned. Club members are encouraged to donate to help with this project. Contact **Lori** if you need more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 3 — Meeting at the Old Y
November 17 — Need a program
December 1 — **HORRAS**
December 15 — **WOLF** Christmas Dinner

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"I will praise the Lord no matter what happens. I will constantly speak of his glories and grace. I will boast of all his kindness to me. Let all who are discouraged take heart. Let us praise the Lord together, and exalt his name.

Psalms 34:1-3