

There were 17 members and 1 guest present when President Suzanne Rusnak opened the meeting at 6:30 P.M. at Buca Di Beppo.

Rick Grane purchased 100 tickets for the Cleveland Cavaliers versus the Toronto Raptors game 7:00 P.M. Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at Quicken Loans Arena. Rick will be able to get some kids on the floor at half time so if you have kids or grandkids keep that in mind. As they say in infomercials but wait when you buy a ticket for the Cavs game you also get a ticket for a hockey game the Cleveland Monsters versus the Manitoba Moose 7:00 P.M. Friday, April 13, 2018. So get a hold of Rick Grane for tickets. Tickets are \$35 dollars which includes both games.

After many years Al Smith is stepping aside as the Sunshine Person maybe a hundred years or more. Our new Sunshine Person will be Carol Cazzarin a new ray of Sunshine.

I sent out a new roster if you notice any errors please contact me with the corrections. i have already received half a dozen corrections, additions or deletions and will sent out a new roster in a few days. I can send them in xCell, PDF, Numbers as an attachment. So please let me know.

Rick is still working on firming up dates for volunteering manning a refreshment stand and Indians games. He will need at least eight firm volunteers. The first date will be 4-6-18.

George Christ introduced tonight's guest speaker Tim Jasinski Wildlife Rehabilitation Specialist from Lake Erie Nature Center and Science Center. Tim said the Lake Erie Nature and Science Center received over 4,000 inquiries a year. They took in and treated 1,500 animals last year most of which were birds and water fowl. They get calls and animals from all over Ohio and neighboring states. They specialize in waterfowl because of the lake and many rivers not to mention the two major flyways bracketing Cleveland.

Tim said they have wildlife internships for both high school and college students. Tim said they get every type of question imaginable and they seem to get even stranger when the moon is full. He probably the number one call and question is about baby animals and birds seemingly abandoned by their parents. He said just leave them alone the parents are usually in the background and will tend to them. Doe's seem to leave fawns hidden in various places during the day and tend to them after dark. I asked him if baby birds could survive on their own and he said there were different cases ones who are altricial such as Cardinals who need total care their parents must gather their food, feed them, keep them warm and protect them, semi-pre-cococial such as certain gulls only need

their food brought to them but don't need fed and lastly precocial who learn to gather their own food.

The next most numerous call involves birds found unconscious after hitting a window or building. In most cases just leave them alone and they will recover but if they don't the Nature Center will accept them. This is a Segway to another program which the Tim and the center are a part of called "**Lights Out Cleveland**" a bird conservation effort. Every spring and fall, millions of birds migrate through Ohio on their way to or from their breeding ground. Many birds migrate at night and lights on tall buildings or aimed at the sky can disorient them and draw them into the buildings. This causes many birds to strike windows or circle buildings until they fall from exhaustion.

Building collisions are a leading cause of bird fatality during migration in North America, estimated to kill 550 million birds each year. The goal of "Cleveland Lights Out" is to reduce the number of birds killed by flying into buildings and windows in Cleveland.

The "Cleveland Lights Out" campaign is an innovative approach to bird conservation, as it could significantly reduce bird collision deaths, as well as assist building owners and managers to decrease their energy costs. The "Lights Out Chicago" program reported an 80 per cent reduction in collisions at a building following a reduction in nighttime

lighting, while " Lights Out Wilmington" estimated savings of \$6,000 per year for a 20 story building participation in the Lights Out program.

Tim said they have 40 citizen science monitoring volunteers found 1,800 hundred birds of 120 species of which 90 per cent recovered. Tim said on one day they found 255 birds. Thanks Tim for a great program.

Mark your calendars

Feb 13 - Speakers Rob and Gloria Bemer on a Vegetarian Diet

Feb 14 - Lenten Breakfast Rocky River Civic Center 7:00 A.M.

Feb 14 - Westlake Aktion Club Westlake Porter Library 7:00 P.M.

Feb 15 - Kiwanis Division 14 Council Meeting Westlake Porter Library

Feb 20 - Board Meeting

Feb 21 - Lenten Breakfast Rocky River Civic Center 7:00 A.M.

Feb 27 - Replay for Kids 6:00 P.M. Porter Library

Feb 28 - Lenten Breakfast Rocky River Civic Center 7:00 A.M.