



The Cog

Rotary Club No. 3503

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Call to Order:

Vice President Robbie Burke called the meeting to order. Linda Haines offered the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Jeff Squire led the club in singing "God Bless America" followed by "Happy Birthday" to Kevin Harlan. Visiting Rotarians today included Hendra Butler – Van Wert, Doc Reibel – New Bremen/New Knoxville, and Lonnie Ledersen – Wapakoneta. Our Guests today included Patrick McGowan – Guest of Dan Burks, Loraine Fischio – Guest of Linda Haines, Michelle Stern from the Evening Leader and Todd Cummins from WLIO.

Happy Dollars:

Happy dollars were shared by Heidi Meade, Kevin Harlan, Kathy Sampson, Mike Makley, Kevin

Lawler, Ken Strickland, Marty Dodrill, Mark Ashman, and Randy Elsass.

Fines:

Randy Elsass was our "Fine Master" today and his victims included Derek Vogel, Robbie Burke, Frank C. Murray, Jeff Squire, Keith Fledderjohann, Kevin Lawler, Ed Noble, Heidi Meade, Alex Pittman, Jon Wale, and Himself!

Announcements:

VP Robbie Burke explained the reason she was standing before us today was due to our esteemed president Kimberli Rompilla having to do battling with "The Flu"!

Robbie updated the club on the status of President Elect Linda Vogel. She is doing well and expects to be returning to our club meetings in February.

Program:

VP Robbie Burke then introduced fellow club member Dan Hosek who shared with our club the latest update on happenings at AAP St Marys.

AAP was founded in 1988, on the principle that quality must be inherent in every aspect of the operation to guarantee the production of the finest automotive wheels.

Since its founding in 1988, AAP St. Marys Corp. has become a leader in the design, development, and manufacture of cast aluminum wheels, backed by more than 35 years of wheel experience of its parent company, Hitachi Metals, Ltd.,



AAP has flexibility, which allows fast turnaround on special orders and focused attention to its customers' needs. This adaptability, along with more than 35 years experience of our parent company, Hitachi Metals, Ltd., in the worldwide automotive wheel market, makes AAP a unique supplier. Our facility, located in *St. Marys, OH*, is equipped with the most sophisticated CAD design and production equipment.



Over the years, AAP has relied upon a close partnership with its associates. Since 1988, growth has resulted in four expansions. AAP's list of clients includes Honda, Toyota, VW, Subaru, Ford, and Nissan.

AAP employs over 18,000 worldwide with an annual payroll of over \$30 million. Although the recent economic downturn has had some impact on operations, AAP has recalled all previously laid-off

employees and is hiring additional employees. AAP's motto is "Customer satisfaction, harmony with our community through teamwork".

Queen of Hearts:

Marvin Buehler won the daily drawing by drawing his own ticket, but did not find the queen.

Potential Members:

The following are under consideration for membership: Patrick McGowan and Lorraine Fischio. Anyone with comments is asked to contact Don Hinckley.

Upcoming Programs:

Feb 2: Mayor Greg Freewalt will be providing us with his annual update on City of St Marys

Feb 9: Bob Ulm, News Dir. & Advertising Acc. Exec. for Maverick Media

Upcoming Greeters:

- 2 / 2 Chris Wibbenmeyer
- 2 / 9 Karl Dammeyer
- 2 / 16 Ellen Hunter
- 2 / 23 Scott Ross

**Please note: All Rotarians scheduled to greet, please be in place by 11:30 am.*

Our meeting was adjourned following the recitation of the Four Way Test of the Things We Think, Say or Do:

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FREINDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?