



The Cog

Rotary Club No. 3503

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Call to Order:

President Kimberli Rompilla called the meeting to order at 12 noon, an earlier time to accommodate a longer program in honor of Rotarian Frank C. Murray, who passed away at the end of January. The Rev. Bill Maki offered the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invitations to today's meeting were issued across the state to allow friends and Rotarians who may have been unable to travel to St. Marys for Frank's funeral due to the inclement weather. Guests attending the meeting represented clubs from Perrysburg, Lima, Maumee, Celina, New Bremen/New Knoxville, Bryan, Willard and Findlay. In attendance was former St. Marys Rotarian Paul Blaine who was proud to note he had been Frank's sponsor to the club.

Kimberli honored Sue Pittman on behalf of the club, congratulating her on being named an Outstanding Alumni for Wright State University. She was presented with a wine and cheese basket.

Members were reminded that donations to the Rotary Foundation in Frank's memory were still being accepted.

President Kimberli opted to issue fines as the money collection is "for the kids" as Frank was fond of saying. Fines were issued to those who had not been to a girls' basketball game, met the new football coach and \$1 because it was for the kids.

"Happy Birthday" was sung to Scott Ross who apparently was unaware of the birthday tradition that calls for the "birthday boy" to purchase his own flower.

Queen of Hearts:

Queen of Hearts was held early and the \$18 was won by Kelly Kill, who, by the way, was selling the tickets! She also drew the Queen and donated half of the \$600+ pot back to the Foundation in Frank's memory.

Program:

Kimberli opened the program with her own memories of Frank and her appreciation of his mentorship during her years in Rotary.

She shared emails she received from Joy Johnson, Bob Kuck, John Brodbeck, Jim Hunt, Bob Vincent and Darlene Clemens. She

said she had received notes of condolences from Rotarians and clubs across the country, and read two letters she received from Mexico, clubs that had been affected by Frank's involvement with the Rotary Mexico Mission Project.

The Rev. Bill Maki, who presided over Frank's funeral service, shared stories that were also shared at the funeral, including his appreciation of the nickname "Padre" that Frank assigned to him.



Sue Pittman spoke to Rotary's generosity to the library, and her appreciation of Frank's willingness to work with her to stretch those dollars.

Kraig Noble shared Frank's conversion from a Democrat to Republican.

Chris Vogel of Perrysburg worked with Frank in writing grants. He said "to know him was one of the real pleasures of my life."

Julie Fleck of the Celina club recalled the "birth" of RMMP during her presidency and desire to get the club involved in an international project.

Jim Heinrich reminisced about his Rotary history with Frank and called him a "man of action" and shared a note he received from another Rotarian: "The world lost a true humanitarian with (Frank's) passing."

The tribute concluded with a power point slide show that highlighted photos of Frank shared by many of the club members.

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:

2 / 16 Mike Peterson and Bandit-Sheriff's K-9 unit

Upcoming Greeters:

2 / 16 Ellen Hunter
2 / 23 Scott Ross
3 / 2 Ed Bray
3 / 9 John Coe

**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?