



## The Cog

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### Call to Order

President Kimberli Rompilla called the meeting to order. Bill Maki offered the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Ed Noble led us in the song, “When Irish Eyes are Smiling.” Chris Wibbenmeyer and Jim Harris both had a birthday, but only Jim was present, so we sang “Happy Birthday” to him. Lorraine Fischio was a guest from Wapakoneta.

### Happy Dollars

There was a whole flood of happy dollars today: Kimberli Rompilla, Susan Pittman, Marty Dodrill, Linda Haines, Linda Vogel, Robbie Burke, Don Hinckley, Bill Maki, Jim Heinrich, Kevin Lawler, Scott Ross, Karl Dammeyer, Sandy Matthews, Chuck Gregorovich, Kathy Sampson.

### Fines

Sandy Matthews handled fines today. She fined us for the “terrible singing”

(our club?); Jim Heinrich for calling Linda Vogel “Sue,” and then a long list of questions which informed us about Grand Lake Hospice. These victims were: Kraig Noble, Keith Fledder-johann, Fred Wiswell, Pat Cogan, Sue Pittman, Scott Ross, John Wale, Gary Newton, Deb Zwez, Kathy Sampson, Kevin Lawler, Mark Ashman, Dan Burke, Chuck Gregorovich, Kimberli Rompilla – and – a group fine for anyone who has yet to purchase a ticket for the hospice benefit.

### Announcements

The MESA Bike Tour will happen on July 9-14, 2011. Flyers on each table gave further details. Also, rider registration and further information is available at [www.RotaryMESA.org](http://www.RotaryMESA.org). The back of the flyer has a tearsheet for donations.

Programs/schedules were also available on tables with information about the 2011 District Conference in Columbus on April 29, 30, and May 1, 2011. District Governor Dayne encourages everyone to “Lasso your partner for the big Rotary Roundup.”

### Program

President-elect Linda Vogel introduced today’s speaker, Vince Koza. An area sports legend, Vince was ready for high school sports, college sports and March Madness. He will be broadcasting some of the games from Bowling Green. This is an exciting time of the year. Vince congratulated St. Marys girls’ bowling team, now State champs. He also congratulated Laker Coach Mark Ashman for his UD award, and noted that St. Marys is going to be getting a new football coach! His weekly column in the Lima

News on Thursdays notes all the winners and losers.



He noted how St. Marys is expected to win each year – a good record leads to great expectations. The same was true of Ottawa Glandorf who lost games to some good teams but were still in the regional semi-finals. Lima Central Catholic recently won a State championship, and then lost to OG. Celina in Division 2 went to the regionals last year and won the Western Buckeye League, but then lost to Van Wert. People expected Celina to go back. In Division 4 basketball, Columbus Grove was not picked to win a conference, but won the NW Conference championship, then recently lost to Continental. Great seasons create great expectations. Vince suggested that everyone enjoy the game, which is being played by our kids! Support the kids!!

Vince is still filling in his brackets for March Madness – you aren’t supposed to finish last in the office pool when you’re the sports reporter! He also praised Ohio State’s team but was critical of Coach Tressel’s handling of the recent Buckeye scandal. If he knew of any infractions or wrongdoing, he should have reported this immediately to his supervisors. And his fine of \$250,000 is not much for Coach Tressel or Marty Dodrill. There could be additional punishment coming, even

for this revered coach. He said that the NFL lockout “stinks” and hopes they can put a season together. But there is a pro-basketball team coming to Lima – the Lima Explosion and they will have games at the Elida Field House. And that will cheer us all up!

### Queen of Hearts

Susan Heitkamp supervised our drawing today. Lucky Randy Elsass won the drawing, but not the Queen.

### Upcoming Programs

3/23 - Bob Ulm, Maverick Media

3/30 – MHS Bowling Coaches

4/6 – Jeff Squire - Pakistan

### Upcoming Greeters

3/23 Dan Hosek

3/30 Barrett Kemp

4/6 Kenton Strickland

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

The 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 FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



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