



The Cog
Rotary Club No. 3503
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June 1, 2010

John Coe rang the bell as MC of our Annual Banquet. Bill Maki gave the invocation and the attendees sang our national anthem. Jeff Squire led the singing of "America." There were no birthdays. Pat Cogan released the tables for dinner based on a loose set of criteria that may or may not have included bribery.

After dinner, John introduced DG Jim Heinrich who gave brief remarks and presented President Gary Newton with the 2009-2010 Presidential Citation.



John introduced our District 6600 guests, who included PDG Jim Smith, PDG Jack Goodnight and his wife Jean, DGN Dr. Robert Vincent and his wife Dinah, DGE Helyn Bolanis, Dist. Sec. Paul Smith and his wife Barbara, and Dist. International Chair Bob Ruehl and his wife Ann. John also thanked the banquet committee for the great evening. There were no Happy Dollars tonight, but there were still fines.

Fines:

Ellen Hunter did the fining and she was surprisingly brutal. She fined everyone who did not clap for her, those who can't read a finer schedule, Pat Cogan for not letting her table go first, John Coe for assuming all Rotary spouses were female, Gary Newton for ending his term and Don Hinckley and Keith Fledderjohann for staying on. She fined everyone not at the District Conference, everyone coming off or going on the board, everyone who did not have a baby this Rotary year, everyone who did not spend Monday on the lake, and everyone not wearing his or her badge (there was no badge box tonight.)

John Wale led the 50/50 drawing. It was either his ticket or his wife's that got pulled because he was very happy about it.

Scholarships:

Mary Riepenhoff presented our \$1,000.00 academic scholarships to Abbey Craft, Anessa Hesse, Megan Klien and Ashley Schlager. The \$500.00 technical scholarships went to Cody Martin and Nicholas Wilker. The \$500.00 matching WSULC scholarship went to Brittany Glass.

Program:

John acknowledged all those members who had perfect attendance for this

Rotary year, including Gary Newton, Ken Strickland, Frank C. Murray, Kimberli Rompilla, Keith Fledderjohann, Randy Elsass, Jim Harris, Jim Heinrich and Don Hinckley. John recognized our club members who are active in the District and asked that all past club presidents rise to be recognized.

President Gary took the podium and recognized the five new members this year, and then announced and recognized his committee chairs. John introduced Gary's officers and board members while Gary presented them each with a small token of his appreciation.

Rick Green introduced the RI Foundation Paul Harris recognitions for this year. Our club's all time giving to the Foundation is over \$311,000.00. DG Jim with assistance from the PDG's handed out the new Paul Harris Designations.



Gary announced that Frank C. Murray was awarded the Four Avenues of Service Award.



Gary announced that Keith Fledderjohann was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award.



PE Kimberli Rompilla introduced her officers and board members for the upcoming year. She announced that the RI theme next year will be "Building Communities Bridging Continents." She has chosen as our club theme "Giving Rotary Service to Others."

John introduced a short video showing pictures from the 2009-2010 Rotary year. Gary closed by thanking John and the banquet committee for all the work tonight. He thanked all our club members for making this a great year for him and the club.

Upcoming Programs:

- 6-9 Buz Howard -- "Fat Charlie Makley and the Dillinger Gang"
- 6-16 Sue Pittman -- Literacy Report
- 6-23 Ed Pierce -- County Prosecutor
- 6-30 Chris Burton -- Neil Armstrong Museum

Upcoming Greeters:

- 6-9 Bill Maki
- 6-16 Beth Noneman
- 6-23 Kathy Sampson
- 6-30 Jim Sayer

*Please note: All Rotarians scheduled to greet, please be in place by 11:30 am; if unable to attend, please contact someone on the greeter committee ASAP.