



The Cog

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President Gary Newton opened the June 9 Rotary Club meeting asking Alex Pittman to lead the invocation. Following the pledge of allegiance, guests were introduced: Rita Daugherty of Sister Cities, Jolynda Timmerman, guest of Linda Haines; Kyle Dammeyer, guest of Karl Dammeyer; Brandi Slick, guest of Robbie Burke; and Mick Teman, guest of Robbie Burke and an incoming new member. Jeff Squire led the singing of "All Hail to Rotary."

Happy Dollars:

Kimberli Rompilla was happy for volleyball wins; Bill Maki for Vacation Bible School and casual dress; Frank Murray for the Four Avenues of Service Award; Jim Harris for his granddaughter's weight gain and improving health; Susan Heitkamp for his son making dean's list and father-in-law's improving health; Ken Strickland for his daughter's recent

wedding; Ellen Adams because her son makes her happy; Frank Klatt who is too sexy for his shirt and knows Kevin Lawler will pay his fine; Keith for earning the Lifetime Achievement Award; Kelly Kill to celebrate a big year for her family; and Marty Dodrill for being able to play golf with a bum wrist.

Fines:

Randy Elsass served as the spunky fine master, fining the "vacationing" Beth Noonan and Bill Maki as well as Kevin "no tie" Harlan; Sandy Matthews as she's been missing in action recently; Robbie for jumping the line; Jim Harris for the mold in his ear; Ellen for sharing stories only a mother could love; Doris for embarrassing the good singers; and Dan Hosek, Rick Green and Marty for missing music trivia questions.

Announcements:

A \$200 check was presented to Ian who will be part of the youth delegations going to Japan and entertaining those Japanese visitors who will visit St. Marys this summer

Jeff Squire reminded Rotarians for the Summer Concert Series, kicking off on June 27.

President Gary reminded Rotarians the Eagles have Friday night dinner specials.

Rotarians were invited to attend the dedication of the new Lockkeepers House in New Bremen, new home to the Southwestern Auglaize County Chamber of Commerce.

New Member Installation:

Mick Teman was installed as the newest member of Rotary. He is the manufacturing engineer for Omni Manufacturing and lives in Fort Jennings.

Program:

Buz Howard, St. Marys' teacher and author of Fat Charlie Makley and the John Dillinger Gang was our speaker. He made note of all the former students in the audience, including Randy Elsass who dared dispute Howard's claim that he was in fact one of Elsass' teachers. When Randy made clear he attended school in Wapakoneta, Buz retorted he taught in Wapakoneta. Hope is strong Randy regains his memory in the near future.



Regardless, Buz explained the truth behind the myths surrounding Makley and his association with the Dillinger gang. Makley was great friends with

Harry Pierpont; the duo were committing crimes long before either one met Dillinger. In fact, Buz said, it was their gang first; Dillinger gained notoriety for being a gang leader after Makley and Pierpont were jailed in the state penitentiary in Columbus. Buz pointed out that Dillinger was not in St. Marys when the bank was robbed; rather he was in jail in Lima.

He also said submachine guns were not used to commit the robbery in St. Marys; it wasn't until 10 days later when the gang raided an arsenal in Auburn, Ind. that they obtained their first Thompson.

Jim Tully was, however, a friend of Makleys. They were two poor, ragged kids who worked together at the St. Marys Chainworks. Tully visited Makley on death row in Ohio.

Purchase Buz's book to learn more about Makley, Pierpont and Dillinger.

Prospective Member:

Chris Wibbenmeyer has been approved by the Rotary Board for membership. This name is in the COG for the membership to review. Discussion about Chris Wibbenmeyer should be addressed to Don Hinckley by June 16.

Queen:

Sandy Matthews' ticket was drawn to win the daily pot of \$20 but the Queen lives.

Upcoming Programs:

6-16 Sue Pittman – Literacy Report
6-23 Ed Pierce -- County Prosecutor
6-30 Chris Burton – Armstrong Museum

Upcoming Greeters:

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.