



# The Cog

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## Call to Order

President Gary called the meeting to order as his final official meeting and welcomed members and guests to the weekly St. Marys Rotary Club meeting. Randy Elsass offered the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests for the day included visiting Rotarian Anne Larger of the New Bremen-New Knoxville club. Other guests were Jolynda Timmerman and Brandi Slick guests of Robbie Burke, Mekayla and Rachelle Breland guests of Mike Makley, Chris Wibbenmeyer guest of Kimberli, Jan Heinrich guest of Jim and Katie Yantis of the Evening Leader. Also in attendance were members of the Randy Elsass family.

Jeff Squire led the group in singing "America". There were 3 birthdays to celebrate but only Sue Pittman was in attendance to hear "Happy Birthday"

## Happy Dollars

Marty Dodrill, Kraig Noble, Tonya Temple, Ed Raudabaugh were all happy and Jim and Jan were both happy for a Jim's great year as District Governor and for all the support from the St. Marys Rotary Club.

## Fines

Jon Hall was the guest finer for the day and fined Gary, Kimberli, Kraig, Randy and Robbie.

## Announcements

Mekayla Breland was introduced and gave a brief talk about her efforts in winning the State Shot Put championship with a throw of 46' 2 3/4" and her goal to repeat in 2011.



(Mekayla Breland)

Kevin Harlan was presented a check in the amount of \$600 from Rotary for JTDMMH.

Allan Baskett received a check in the amount of \$1,000 from Rotary for the annual fund drive at the YMCA.

District Governor Jim Heinrich presented the Paul Harris certificates and pins to Donna Elsass, Randy's mother and a Paul Harris Plus award to Randy. Mike Makley also received his Paul Harris recognition.

## Rotary Minute

In the Rotary Minute Gary reminded members that the Rotary slogans for 2009-2010 were "Rotary makes it Happen" and "The Future is in your Hands" He hopes that members continue to remember these slogans to keep our club going forward.

## Program

President Gary introduced President-Elect Kimberli to present our speaker Chris Burton, Administrator of the "New" Armstrong Air and Space Museum. The word "New" is because the Armstrong Museum is no longer operated by the Ohio Historical Society. The museum is now operated by a new local association established to operate the facility. Jim Heinrich and Kraig Noble from our club are members of the new association.



(Chris Burton)

Chris was hired on March 1, 2010 and the "new" museum opened on April 1<sup>st</sup> with 6 regular employees and they are always looking for volunteers to help. The museum shares the story of Neil Armstrong of Wapakoneta and all Ohioans who have defied gravity. Chris said that there have been 24 astronauts from the state of Ohio.

The facility has all new staff and is ready for visitors to come and see the

renovations and new exhibits. In the summer it is open every day until 5 pm.

It is hoped that additional funds can be raised to expand the facility and make it even better. In the past the museum would have about 150,000 visitors a year and people have visited from 41 states and 27 foreign countries.

## Queen of Hearts:

Randy Elsass's ticket was selected in the drawing. He won the daily pot but the Queen stayed hidden to live for another day.



## Upcoming Programs

- 07-07 Club Assembly
- 07-14 Bob Lammers  
"Lessons of Life Learned through Volunteerism"
- 07-21 Linda Dicke  
"Alcohol: The Social Drug"
- 07-28 Ellen Bryan  
"Promoting Lightning Awareness"

## Upcoming Greeters

- 07-07 William Maki
- 07-14 Ken Strickland
- 07-21 Dan Burke
- 07-28 Tami Sanford

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

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 FREINDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?