



The Cog

Rotary Club No. 3503

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July 14, 2010

President Kimberli Rompilla opened the meeting. The Rev. Bill Maki offered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. In honor of the baseball all-Star game, Bob Leugers led the club in singing "Take Me Out To The Ball Game." Happy Birthday was sung to Charles "Chuck" Gregorovich.

Happy Dollars:

Ellen Hunter was happy to celebrate her son's first birthday, Ken Strickland for his daughter being asked to give the benediction at a Memorial Service, Mark Ashman was happy for the birth of his son and that his daughter is adjusting, Kevin Lawler presented Mom Doris Lawler's happy-to-have-a-chance-at-the-Queen dollar, Deb Zvez for her son's good performance at the swim championships, Mary Riepenhoff for a good looking new school and Frank Murray for our club again

being recognized as the No. 1 club in per capita giving for the Foundation.

Fines:

Sandy Matthews was fine master and caught a lot of members on current events including Ellen Hunter, Kevin Harlan, Gary Newton, and Don Hinckley; and then switched to sports trivia and was able to fine Mick Teman, Dan Burke, Linda Haines, Kevin Lawler, Beth Noneman, Ken Strickland, and others in a rapid fire who's-on-first- type of questioning.

Announcements:

President Kimberli announced two cards were being circulated: for the family of PDG Steve Day who passed away, and Eldora's Larry Boos for an unknown ailment.

Thank you cards were received for recent donations; t-shirt orders are due and plans are in the works for a possible trip to a Cincinnati Reds game. See Kathy Sampson or Robbie Burke for more information on the trip.

New Member Induction:

Kimberli invited Dan Burke and Robbie Burke to the podium to induct Brandy Slick, administrator of St. Marys Living Center, as the club's newest member. Brandy was welcomed to the club at the end of the meeting.

Program:

President-elect and Program Chairman Linda Vogel introduced speaker Bob Lammers who shared

stories about his time volunteering with hospice program.

Lammers has been volunteering with hospice for more than 20 years and said we are all called to serve others, noting that love can only be kept by giving it away. He gave his mom credit for his love of volunteering; he called her an under-the-radar volunteer whose good works were never totally revealed until after she passed away.

The first story he shared was of an interaction he had with a cab driver on a ride to the airport as he was trying to get home in time to speak with his dying father one last time. The cabbie advised him to be calm, and trust in God. While skeptical, he took that advice to heart and found he could be calm and did arrive home in time to speak with his dad. He said he learned patience, then, and to be open and trusting with other people.

Lammers shared the story of his first hospice patient, "Charlie," from whom he learned to be open to challenges, to trust God completely and that miracles do happen. Charlie was a cantankerous cancer patient with many anger issues about the disease that was taking his life. Bob's contact with him went from telephone calls, to face-to-face meetings and at the end of his life, Charlie asked Lammers to conduct his funeral service.

Lammers also worked with "George," a retired farmer in his 80s, with whom he shared many personal conversations. He said he asked George what it's like knowing

you're going to die soon. George told him he'd been working his whole life to get to heaven and that, really, we're all terminally ill - we just may not know it.

Lammers shared three quotes to end his presentation: "We must be the change we want to be in this world," "If you're going to worry, don't pray; if you're going to pray, don't worry;" and "Take good care of yourself so you can help others."

Queen of Hearts:

Gary Newton's card was drawn but the queen lives in this new deck.

Upcoming Programs:

7-21 Fred Piehl - County Fair
7-28 Ellen Bryan - Lightning Safety
8-4 Lake Water Quality

Upcoming Greeters:

7-21 Robbie Burke
7-28 Tami Sanford
8-4 Rick Gerdeman

Proposed Member:

Kevin Lawler has been proposed for membership. Any comments regarding his proposed membership should be directed to Don Hinckley before July 21, 2010.

Pres. Kimberli ended the meeting by leading the club in reciting the Four Way Test of the Things We Think, Say, and Do.