



The Cog

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Call to Order

President Kimberli Rompilla called the meeting to order. Susan Pittman offered the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Kraig Noble led us in singing "Old McDonald's Farm." Jeff Squire left before we could sing "Happy Birthday."

Guests and Visiting Rotarians

Steve Smith of the NB/NK club was our only visiting Rotarian. Guests included Trisha Barnes, guest of Randy Elsass, Katie Yantis of the Evening Leader and Lori Osterloh Hagaman of the Sidney Daily News.

Happy Dollars

Linda Vogel, Kraig Noble, Randy Elsass, Don Hinckley, Mike Makley, Tami Sanford, Derek Vogel, and (new Rotarian) Brandi Slick.

Fines:

Rick Gerdeman was the finemeister. First he fined everyone not on Facebook. He followed up with many tricky sports questions. Those fined were Mike Makley, Jim Heinrich (credit), Linda Haines, Pat Cogan, Robbie Burke, Frank C. Murray, Marty Dodrill, Dan Hosek, John Wale, Sue Pittman, Kraig Noble, and Gary Newton (I should note that Rick did ask some BP questions and Grand Lake questions as well as sports questions. We learned so much that your COG editor couldn't keep track of all the questions!)

Announcements

Robbie Burke announced a special Rotary outing to a Reds game on Tues., Aug. 31st. Everyone should meet in the Kmart parking lot at 3:45 p.m. Robbie also mentioned (for brother Dan) that invitations are going out to new members to attend a special Rotary orientation one week from today (on July 28th) at the Eagles from 10:00 a.m. -11:30 a.m. Older members are welcome to attend as well. Finally, Robbie announced for Jeff Squire that this coming Sunday there will be a Concert in the Park at the gazebo at 7:00 p.m.! Sandy Matthews reminded everyone to order their Rotary hats and polo shirts. Also, after today's meeting everyone who has not yet had their picture taken for the Rotary Directory-please see Sandy!

Program

President-elect and program chair Linda Vogel introduced Fred Piehl, who gave us an update on the 158th Auglaize County Fair, coming up on August 1-7, 2010, at the fairgrounds in Wapakoneta. (You can phone 419-738-2515 or check the fair out on the

web at www.auglaizecountyfair.org). Fred's colorful handout listed all the events for the Auglaize Co. Fair as well as the schedule for the 2010 Junior



Fair activities. Fred offered a brief history of the fair. Starting in 1852, the (then) Tri-County Fair moved around from town to town, starting in Waynesfield. In 1864, it was held on Court Street in Wapakoneta, and from 1866 to the present has been held at its current location in Wapakoneta. In the mid-1800's there were only 180 types of livestock featured but in 2010 there will be 1,798 types of livestock, from goats to dairy cattle. In the beginning, allowing young people to show their animals at the fair was very uncommon, but now the Junior Fair Program is the biggest feature of the fair.

Each year there is an attempt to offer something that is new. As the "big" entertainment has often not made much money, there was a decision this year to go with educational programs, like a circus and fire safety programs, along with the wonderful entertainment such as harness racing, extreme truck challenge, gospel music, cheerleading competition, demolition derby, tractor pull, motorcycle racing, wrestling, and battle of the bands among other events! There is also an area for camping, and some 50 food vendors,

one quarter of which are local vendors. Bring the whole family!!

Queen of Hearts:

Lucky Kelly Kill won the drawing (and \$17.00), but she failed to draw the Queen. Wait till next week!!

Upcoming Programs:

7-28 Ellen Bryan-Lightning Safety
8-4 Lake Water Quality

Upcoming Greeters:

7-28 Tami Sanford
8-4 Rick Gerdeman



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

The meeting closed with the traditional Rotary Four Way Test

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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