



The Cog

Rotary Club No. 3503

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Call to Order

President Kimberli Rompilla called the meeting to order and welcomed the more than 60 members and guests to the weekly meeting. Allen Baskett offered the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Greeter Randy Elsass introduced guests for the day Paige Canfield, guest of Jim Harris and Katie Yantis of the Evening Leader, Tricia Bell and Joe Miles of Lima TV and Bob Blake of the Lima News.

Jeff Squire led the group in singing "Rotary My Rotary". We sang "Happy Birthday" to celebrate birthdays for Jeff Squire, Ed Bray, Dan Hosek and Gary Newton.

Happy Dollars

Happy Dollars were presented by Kevin Harlan, Jeff Vossler, Milt Miller, Sue Pittman, Sandy Mathews, Heidi Meade, Ellen Hunter, Tami Sanford, Kelly Kill, Linda Haines, and John Wale.

Fines

Ali Khokhar did his first stint as finer and did an excellent job fining Ron Gorby, Joe Burke, John Wale, Rick Gerdeman, Allan Baskett, Guest Milt, Cog Committee, Linda Vogel, Ken Strickland and anyone who has not signed up to work at the Summerfest booth this year.

Announcements

Frank announced the annual Hog Raffle is on and members can sell or purchase tickets for a chance at half of the hog Rotary purchases at the Auglaize County Fair.

He also announced that Rotary would be feeding the National Guard from the local Armory on Aug. 21st, the day they will be moving materials from the old high school to the new location. We will host a dinner for the workers and Rotarians and families are invited to help with the meal and also eat with the National Guard workers.

Dan Burke reminded members of the new member orientation on Wed., Aug. 25, from 10:00 am to 11:30 am at the Eagles meeting room. All new and experienced Rotarians are invited.

Kimberli reminded members of the Reds Game tickets for Aug. 31st. There are only 8 tickets left as of today.

We were also reminded that dues are due and the club needs your dues payment now to help pay international dues and other expenses.

Program

President-Elect Linda Vogel introduced our speaker, former Rotarian Milt Miller, to make his presentation on the Grand Lake St. Marys Restoration Initiative. Milt assured everyone that committees working on restoring the lake will not rest until the lake is restored. The Celina and St. Marys communities are working hard to fix the problem. Their goal is to bring health and vitality back to the lake. The lake is too important to the communities surrounding the lake to do anything less.



Milt Miller
Grand Lake St. Marys Restoration

Since January 2010 people in the area have donated over \$550,000 to help save the lake. Pilot testing of two Airy-Gators, three collector systems and several floating wetlands are in operation now and they are waiting on results of these early Phase I projects.

Miller reported that there is work going on in the legislature to help limit the amount of additional phosphorus going into the lake and something must be done to dredge the lake to remove the 70 years of built up phosphorus. One

suggestion is to build lake islands of the dredged material to save the expense of hauling the material out of the lake area.

Queen of Hearts:

Derek Vogel's ticket was selected again in the drawing. He won the daily pot of \$20 but the Queen stayed hidden to live for another day.



Proposed New Members

Prospective new members for the club are Brad Seitz, Paige Canfield, and Bonnie Mathias. Please contact Don Hinckley with questions or comments before August 18th.

Upcoming Programs

- 08-11 Street Drugs
- 08-18 Usula Rotary Club from San Pedro Sula, Honduras
- 08-25 Auglaize County Alternative School

Upcoming Greeters

- 08-11 Rick Gerdeman
- 08-18 Alex Pittman

**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?