



# The Cog

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## Call to Order

President Kimberli Rompilla called the meeting to order. Kevin Lawler offered the prayer and we recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Ed Noble led us in singing "That Harlem Goat"...that's right..."That Harlem Goat"! It is sure to make the new songbook. There was no birthday song today.

## Guests & Visiting Rotarians

We welcomed Hodge Drake from the Lima Club to our meeting today. Our guests today included Susan Fonts - guest of Jim Harris, Judy Bray - guest of Ed Bray, George Gordon Meade - guest of Heidi Meade, and Jan Heinrich - guest of Jim Heinrich.



Heidi and her special guest George Gordon Meade.

## Happy Dollars

We had lots of "Happy People" today...Happy dollars were shared by Sue Pittman, Tami Sanford, Ali Khokhar, Fred Wiswell, Jim Harris, Bill Maki, Tanya Temple, Mary Riepenhoff, Robbie Burke, Kevin Lawler, Ellen Hunter on behalf of Heidi Meade, Ed Noble, and Dan Burke.

## Fines

Jon Hall was our Fine Master today. His victims included anyone who did not work the Rotary Summerfest Booth, Allen Baskett for cancelling the Regatta Boat Races this weekend, Ken Strickland for being the oldest alumni at the class reunion last weekend, and anyone who has not played golf in the past week.

## Announcements

- Kimberli thanked all the fellow Rotarians who helped feed the volunteers for the St Marys School move into their new facility.
- Robbie Burke reminded the club that there are still two tickets left for the Rotary trip to the Cincinnati Reds game on Tues., Aug. 31st. If interested, please see Robbie.

## Program

Linda Vogel introduced Chuck Rowen from the Auglaize County Educational Service Center. Chuck is the Director of the **Opportunity For Youth Programs**. He was here today to share information about the program. The Auglaize County Educational Service Center (ESC) of Auglaize County, is located off of interstate 75 in Wapakoneta, Ohio.

The ESC offers a variety of meeting spaces, with a comfortable atmosphere and spacious settings that are available, and may be rented out for special events, workshops, conferences or corporate meetings. The mission of the **Opportunity for Youth Program** is to create a structured, safe and positive atmosphere that will allow the

students to learn academics, tolerance and cooperation in an adaptive atmosphere all done in an effort to develop productive community members.



## Participating School Districts:

- Minster Local Schools
- New Bremen Local Schools
- New Knoxville Local Schools
- St. Marys City Schools
- Wapakoneta City Schools
- Waynesfield - Goshen Local Schools

## Participating Organizations:

- Auglaize County ESC
- Auglaize County Juvenile Court
- Department of Human Services
- Family Support Unit
- Family Resource Center

## Program Components:

**The Opportunity for Youth Program** is built on two distinctive elements, each focused on positive outcomes for the students.

## **The Opportunity School**

Designed to facilitate those students who are at risk in their home school due to Juvenile legal difficulties or due to the fact that they have exhausted all options at their home school. An academic/career plan will be devised and implemented during a long term commitment. The goal is transition back to the home school or successful GED testing experience.

## **The Alternative School**

Designed to serve as a short term suspension program (1-10 days) for all county grade five students through grade twelve. Suspended students are not out of the school environment but rather in a structured tutorial environment where they can make up all of their school work.

Enrolment of students in either of these **Opportunity for Youth Programs** can only be accomplished through the home school or direct placement through the Juvenile Court. All students in the Alternative or Opportunity School Programs must ride a school bus or be driven to the program site by a parent or guardian. Pending proper approval, Opportunity School students may be released for work during the school day. Security systems are in use daily, such as metal detectors and video cameras. Students must either pack their own lunch or they can order a box lunch which they must pay for themselves. Free/reduced lunch programs are also available to those who qualify. The Wapakoneta City Schools calendar determines the school year, not the student's home district calendar.

## Queen of Hearts

Ed Raudabaugh had the winning ticket for a shot at "The Queen" but the Queen eluded his grasp and she lives on.

## Upcoming Programs

09-01	District Gov. David Dayne
09-08	SMFB Coach Mark Hollars
09-15	Linda Dicke on alcohol
09-22	Rotary Foundation

## Upcoming Greeters

Sep. 1	Kelly Kill
Sep. 8	Dan Burke
Sep. 15	John Wale
Sep. 22	Jim Harris
Sep. 29	Beth Noneman

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