

The Cog

Rotary Club No. 3503

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Call to Order

President-elect Linda Vogel called the meeting to order. Susan Pittman offered the prayer, and we recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Kraig Noble led us in singing "The Battle Hymn of the Republic."

Guests and Visiting Rotarians

Visiting Rotarians (of NB/NK Club) were: Ron Riebel, Steve Smith, Steve Hartwig, Alex Rompilla, Don Kuck, Larry Dicke, and Rex Katterheinrich; also Harley Gorman of Celina Rotary. Other guests were Don Kissick, libertarian candidate; Karen Elsass, wife of Randy; Rep. Jim Jordan; Adam Hewitt and Cory Noonan, Rep. Jordan's office; Tricia Bell and Phil Thomas, Hometown Stations; Michelle Stein of the Evening Leader and Bob Blake of the Lima News.

Happy Dollars

Kevin Lawler, Susan Pittman, Ali Khokhar, Mary Ripenhoff, Kevin

Harlan, Charles Richtmyer, Ellen Hunter, Joe Burke, Brandi Slick, Frank Klatt, Randy Elsass, and Linda Vogel.

Fines:

Derek Vogel fined Ali Khokhar, Jeff Squire, Frank Klatt, Kevin Lawler. The group fines were for everyone who voted early and everyone with no library sign in the yard.

Announcements

-This coming Tuesday evening (10/26) is the Rotary Halloween Parade. Check your assignment and be there at 5:00 p.m. in the Community Library parking lot.

-Next Wednesday (10/27) lunch will be at the new St. Marys Middle School cafeteria beginning promptly at 11:15 a.m. The meeting will be in the Middle School gym beginning at 11:45 a.m.

-The Rotary Auction will be coming up soon, so let John Wale know if you have any "big ticket" items to donate.

-Also, (per Don Hinckley) next week on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Applebees will donate 15% of each receipt to the National Guard.

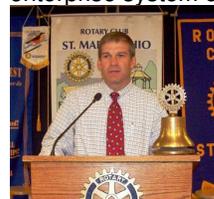
Program

Randy Elsass was the moderator for the debate between U.S. Rep. Jim Jordan and Don Kissick of the Libertarian Party.

Rep. Jordan spoke first with a brief introduction. He emphasized that the government should not create jobs, but a "framework for job growth." He saw the need to address Health Care and warned of big tax increases. He was proud of an Economic Freedom Act which he had introduced in the House. Mr. Kissick said as a libertarian, he had no "sound bites" but wants all Americans to have "maximum freedom."

The first question contrasted equality with a perceived air of favoritism for certain groups, organizations, or companies. Mr. Kissick opposed big government and its decisions but supports a flat/fair tax rather than our

current system. Rep. Jordan opposed all bailouts, including TARP. He mentioned the title The Battle by A.C. Brooks explaining the real free enterprise system of "earned success."



To a question about so-called "Obama Care" and whether the health care bill should be scrapped or not, both opposed the recently-enacted Health Care Bill. Jordan opposed a "move toward "single-payer" system" and Kissick called the bill "unconstitutional." A question about the dire situation of Grand Lake St. Marys drew a spirited response. Mr. Kissick opposes "inviting the Federal Government in" at all and says that Columbus should find a solution. Jordan also said that the governor needs to find the \$\$ to fix the problem-possibly Governor Kasich?

How can health care providers continue to exist with reduced reimbursement? Jordan wanted to focus on price and cross state lines to purchase insurance. Healthy behavior of the consumer is also important. Kissick stressed that the free market is the best way to control costs. Who decides the balance in health insurance accounts? Congress needs to take a stand on employer-based insurance. A question on Capitol Hill stock trading based on non-public information had both candidates arguing for equal justice under law and outlawing the practice.

Asking about a solution for illegal immigration and control of our borders brought criticism of the current administration. Jordan criticized Attorney General Holder and summarized as follows: 1) no amnesty; 2) build a fence; 3) put agents and

national guards on the fence. He supports immigrants who came to America legally and followed the law. Kissick said that the Attorney General changed how the rules were applied in Arizona. He supported a new Ellis Island facility encouraging legal immigration.



A question about the EPA regulation of greenhouse gases absent definitive legislation drew a strong response. Mr. Kissick supported eliminating the EPA altogether, as the States have their own regulations. Jordan criticized the "cap and trade" proposed legislation, calling it unconstitutional. The legislation would strike his 4th district very negatively-only three other congressional districts in America would be hurt so badly. He said that a possible "lame duck" session of Congress can't be rule out however.

Jim Jordan summarized his stance as pro-family, pro-defense, to defend America and free enterprise. He saw our best days ahead. Don Kissick believed in America and our history-not elite experts-and believed in INNOVATION and Judeo-Christian values. He also noted he has been "laid off" and suffered like ordinary American, and never became an attorney.

Queen of Hearts:

Charles Richtmyer won \$18.00 but not the Queen.

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

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