



The Cog

Rotary Club No. 3503

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Call to Order

President Kimberli Rompilla called the meeting to order. The Rev. Bill Maki offered the invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Ellen led the club in singing "Jingle Bells."

Happy Dollars

Happy Dollars were shared by Marty Dodrill, Deb Zwez, Tanya Temple, Kevin Lawler for his mom's upcoming open house in honor of her birthday, Ed Noble, Randy Elsass, Jim Harris, Tami Sanford, Linda Haines, Jeff Vosler, John Wale, and Kathy Sampson.

Fines

Kimberli was truly feeling the Christmas Spirit today as she suspended fines for the day.

Announcements

Frank C. Murray reminded everyone about the Pepsi Refresh grant that is available to Grand Lake St. Marys. You can vote every day. Please support this effort with your daily vote. This project if awarded, would bring \$250,000 for assistance with the restoration of our lake:

www.refresheverything.com/savegrandlakestmarys

Kimberli reminded everyone that our program next week will feature Erica Gelhaus, Miss Ohio 2009.



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Elections

Ballots for new board members and 2011 Officers were passed out and everyone was given the opportunity to cast their vote.

Program

Today was our annual Rotary Christmas Gift Exchange. This year's event was in the capable hands of Deb Zwez and Beth Noneman.

Deb took a few minutes to go over the rules and procedures, then Beth began calling off ticket numbers.

As each member's ticket number was called they had the choice of selecting one of the gifts from the gift table, or they could steal a gift from a fellow member. There was a three steal limit on gifts and you could see the strategies in play during the exchange.



There was a multitude of bottled beverages to choose and/or steal from fellow Rotarians. Gifts also included skin care products, car care items, gift certificates, tool kits, and did I mention Alcohol? Several items reached their steal limits including products like Grey Goose, Makers Mark, Jack Daniels, Kahlua, Baileys, and a few others.

There was a brief delay when Bill Maki held up the process due to some unfinished "Paperwork".



Gift selection and the resulting thefts continued throughout the event as Deb kept track of what gifts were still available and what gifts were off limits. Some participants tried hiding their selection, camouflage, or just outright intimidation to keep their

gifts but in the end...if it was available, it wasn't yours until the 3rd steal.

As we departed after all the gifts had been opened, several Rotarians got to leave with a little extra as winners were drawn for the table decorations which also included small bottles of social beverages. Tami Sanford walked away with the 50/50 drawing winnings.

A special "Thank You" for a job well done goes out to the Christmas Party Committee...Deb Zwez, Beth Noneman, Rick Gerdeman, Heidi Meade, Mike Makley, and Dan Hosek.

Proposed New Members

Prospective new members for the club are Matt Gallespie and Greg Farrell. Please contact Don Hinckley with Questions or comments before January 5th.

Upcoming Programs

12-22 Erica Gelhaus, Miss Ohio '09
12-29 New Member updates

Upcoming Greeters

12-22 Jeff Vossler
12-29 Tanya Temple
1-5 Fred Wiswell
1-12 Linda Haines

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