



The Cog
Rotary Club No. 3503
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December 22, 2010

Call to Order

President Kimberli Rompilla called the meeting to order. Rev. Ed Bray offered the prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Visiting Rotarians were Hodge Drake of the Celina club and Steve Smith of the NB/NK club. Guests included our speaker, Miss Ohio Erica Gelhaus, as well as Judy and Brittany Gelhaus and Margie Coldren. Also, Megan Carroll, guest of Kimberly Rompilla; Mathew Gallaspie, prospective member, guest of Pat Cogan; Jonathan Noble, guest of Kraig Noble. Kraig led the club in singing Wish You a Merry Christmas and

Jingle Bells. No Rotarians with birthdays were in attendance.

Announcements

Kimberli asked Ed Noble to make an announcement about Goodfellows. Ed mentioned that he has been in charge of the Christmas donations for Goodfellows for some 60 years. The contributions help 332 families in the area, approximately 1270 people and 616 children, who can have a happier holiday. Ed then passed his Goodfellows' hat. Rotarian donated \$267.00 to Goodfellows.

Kimberli asked that new Rotarians be folded into appropriate committees; she also mentioned a card received from EZ Promotions, and also asked that all Rotarians pay recent invoices soon.

Happy Dollars

Kimberli Rompilla, Marty Dodrill, Ken Strickland, Kraig Noble, Heidi Meade, Fred Wiswell, Keith Fledderjohann (for Linda Vogel), Ed Raudabaugh, Frank Klatt, Kevin Lawler, Jeff Vossler, Mike Makley.

Fines

Randy fined Jim Heinrich, Ed Noble, Frank Klatt, Jeff Squire, Darwin Ziegler, Zach Spieles, Gary Newton, Dan Burke, Jeff Vossler, Susan Pittman, Marty Dodrill, everyone who has not yet gone pheasant hunting and everyone finished with Christmas shopping.

Program

Robbie Burke, standing in for Linda Vogel, introduced our speaker, Erica Gelhaus, Miss Ohio 2009. Erica started as a pageant contestant for only one reason – she wanted to go to college and study vocal music, and she did not have the resources, especially to attend a private school like Otterbein. Her guidance counselor suggested that she enter the Miss America Pageant, and so she began, first as the Miss Lake Festival Queen, and eventually entering the Miss Ohio Pageant, which she won, in 2009. As contestants have a goal/vision upon which to focus, Erica decided that her work with Arts in the Park and in the public library demonstrated a need for children's literacy. She started her own organization, Athletes Promoting Excellence, which encourages children to read and promotes literacy. After receiving the Miss Ohio crown in 2009, Erica received \$7,000 for her college studies, but also had the experience of traveling 43,000 miles and making 200 appearances as part of her duties as Miss Ohio. A pilot gave her a free airline pass, which she used to travel to Italy and study opera. The Miss America foundation also helped her as well, and she has now graduated in 2010 from Otterbein with almost no college debt, and is now considering graduate work! At the end of her presentation, she sang Gesù Bambino and Oh Holy Night for the club. Kimberli presented her with a \$100.00 donation from the club to use for her literacy efforts, including now the Erica Gelhaus Foundation, Inc.



Queen of Hearts

Kelly Kill announced that today's drawing was worth \$46.00 and \$400.00 for drawing the Queen. Lucky Pres. Kimberli won the \$46.00 but not the Queen!!

Upcoming Programs

12/29 New Member Updates

Upcoming Greeters

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 a.m.



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