



The Cog

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Call to Order

President Kimberli Rompilla called the meeting to order. Ed Bray offered the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Kraig Noble led us in a singing, "All Hail To Rotary." Our guests included Harley Jones, guest of Linda Haines and Celina Rotary Club member, and Jan Heinrich, wife of Jim.

Happy Dollars

Many, many happy dollars were shared by club members including Kimberli, Linda Vogel, Don Hinckley, Sue Pittman, Sandy Matthews, Tonya Temple, Kevin Harlan, Rick Green, Susan Heitkamp, Marty Dodrill, Jeff Squire, Lorraine Braccio, Kraig Noble, Deb Zwez, Jim Heinrich, Randy Elsass, John Hall and Allen Baskett.

Fines

John Hall did the fining this week. He fined Kimberli, Randy, Jim, Kraig, Rick Gerdeman, and anyone who hasn't had a treat from JB Pastries or haven't skied in the last week.

Announcements

The 2011 District Conference will be in Columbus on April 29, 30, and May 1, 2011. Our club's annual banquet is set for June 9.

Administrative Professionals Day will be April 27. One last signup was sent around.

Volunteers were sought for a "quiz bowl" team to compete at the high school April 20th.

Gary Newton presented the proposed changes to the bylaws which in essence changes the dues structure to eliminate the annual auction as a \$350-mandatory spending item for each member and changes it to a supplemental fund-raising effort. These changes are reflected in a recommended change in the bylaws which were passed out to each member in attendance and will be emailed to each Rotarian.

John Wale noted paperwork for the St. Marys Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing was on the table.

He also announced the brick replacement project to replace the bricks along the canal that were damaged in the March flooding. Bricks are also available to accent the new putter golf course in KC Geiger Park. See John for a form to order new or replacement bricks.

Program

Linda Vogel introduced Drake Hodge of Otterbein St. Marys, and Allen Baskett, CEO of the Auglaize Mercer YMCA to speak about the Life Enrichment Center planned for the St. Marys Otterbein campus.

Hodge referenced a survey of Auglaize County senior citizens that noted some 40 percent had indicated some kind of health issue: obesity, diabetes, high cholesterol, joint issues, etc. A task force was formed to determine the best way to address these issues.



The task force determined their goal was to "add years to life and add life to years" and decided the Life Enrichment Center was a good way to help serve this population, and more.

The YMCA was contacted to address the fitness aspect of serving their population, Drake said, and it was an easy decision to turn to the leader in fitness.

Baskett said the center also answered a need his board of directors saw with their aging population. A warm-temperature pool with a zero-entry was something they had noted as a need but were unable to incorporate into their existing facilities.

Allen said the Y group saw this project as a great collaboration with Otterbein St. Marys to do more outreach and programming outside their facilities.

So far, the project has raised \$1.3 million of their \$1.6 million goal. Following the presentation, President Kimberly presented a check for \$500, the first check in a 5-year pledge for \$500 per year or a \$2,500 total.

Queen of Hearts

Bob Leugers won the queen but pulled a joker. Rick Green got the \$5. The Queen lives.

Upcoming Programs

4/13 Otterbein Life Enrichment
4/20 Krogers
4/27 Admin. Prof. Day

Upcoming Greeters

4/20 Susan Heitkamp
4/27 Sandy Matthews
5/4 Allen Baskett
5/11 Joe Burke
5/18 John Coe(maybe...)
5/25 Tami Sanford

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

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 FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?