



## The Cog

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### Call to Order

President Kimberli Rompilla called the meeting to order. Allen Baskett was doing double duty, first leading the club in prayer and then introducing our guests, who included Beth Keuneke and Paula Drummond, guests of Sue Pittman and part of the program. Mary Riepenhoff introduced the five Memorial High School seniors who each spoke about themselves: Shannon Thiebeaux, Hailey Kill, TC Tenny, Aaron Taylor and Joseph Jacks. With no one from the song committee on hand, Kevin Lawler led the singing of "When the Saints Go Marching In" and "Happy Birthday" to John Wale.

### Happy Dollars

Kimberli was happy for getting in 9 holes of golf prior to the meeting, Sue Pittman for her fellow speakers, the upcoming turkey strummers at WSU-LC and an upcoming wine and beer tasting to benefit Sister Cities, Kelly Kill for a good Ohio Chamber of Commerce legislative conference, Mary for the MHS seniors, Jim Heinrich for a great district conference (although last year's was better) and reunion with Jan's family, Don Hinckley for his daughter who graduated with honors from Capitol University, Alex for Sue's attendance at an overnight conference leaving him at home with his Scotch, Carl Dammeyer for his daughter who is doing well in track and his son who is enroute to the WCW, and John Wale for the girls softball team.

### Fines

Randy Elsass was the fine master who first hit his runner, Ron Gorby, for being missing from Rotary for so long, Kimberli for emulating Pebbles Flintstone (even though Randy confused her with Bam Bam), Alex for his belly dancing routine (?), Kevin Harlan for getting away with no tie again and Kevin Lawler for his rather dismal efforts to leading the song this week. The attendance committee was also fined for the low attendance at today's meeting. Group fine was for anyone who hadn't been mushroom hunting yet.

### Announcements

A card was circulating for Tom Hudson.

Condolences were offered to Jeff Squire on the death of his father; in his memory,

the club will donate two books to the St. Marys library.

Thank yous were received from the hospital Foundation and Kathy Sampson, following the condolence shared upon the death of her father.

The Annual Banquet is set for June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011 so mark your calendars now. More information to follow. THERE IS NO WEDNESDAY MEETING JUNE 8<sup>TH</sup>!

### Program

Sue Pittman was on hand to talk about the club's involvement with Rotary's literacy funds. She was accompanied by Jim Harris, and Beth and Paula.

Jim spoke to the annual dictionary project, where the "gazettes" are handed out to each third grader in St. Marys, Holy Rosary and Grand Lake Christian schools. Once the dictionaries are distributed, any extras are donated to the county's ABLE program, which helps adults gain literacy skills and GEDs.

Beth, the adult services coordinator, said her share of the grant was \$1,742.50 and with that she was able to purchase 122 books (a \$3,000 value). Those books included best sellers, popular authors as well as large print books.

Paula, youth services coordinator, was able to purchase 74 titles for patrons aged from birth through the teen years. She purchases board books, picture books, "I Can Read" series books, chapter books and teen books including the most recent award winning books.

Sue handles purchasing AV materials for the library and with her \$565.50 for the grant was able to purchase 30 items valued at \$795.15. In total this year, the \$4050 in grant dollars were distributed at \$3650 for the library and \$400 for dictionaries.

The club's literacy committee also includes Kevin Harlan, Gary Newton, Ed Bray, Randy Elsass and Ed Raudabaugh.

### Queen of Hearts

Birthday boy John Wale had the winning ticket today for a shot at the Queen. But the queen lives on.

### Upcoming Programs

5/18 Travel trends with Kimberli  
5/25 Technology Safety

### Upcoming Greeters

5/18 John Coe  
5/25 Tammy 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?