



The Cog

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Call to Order

President-Elect Linda Vogel called the meeting to order. Kevin Lawler offered the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Jeff Squire led us in singing "You're a Grand Old Flag." No guests today.

Happy Dollars

Linda Vogel was happy that her daughter got engaged and her grandchild turned one, Marty Dodrill for the Chamber Golf Outing (he still needs a few golfers), Mick Temen for a chance at the queen, Randy Elsass since the rain held off enough for Otterbein's construction, Keith Fledderjohann for getting back his daughter's stolen car, and Bill Maki for surviving being a chaperone for the 8th grade DC trip.

Fines

Derek Vogel did the fines. He fined Sue Pittman for keeping Alex home, away from Rotary and doughnuts. He fined all gentlemen of the cloth for not praying hard enough for the rain to stop. He fined the attendance committee, most of who were in attendance, for the poor attendance of everyone else today. And he group fined everyone who did not give a happy dollar or had not eaten a doughnut in the last 24 hours.

Announcements

There will be a board meeting June 1 in the Eagles basement at 10:45. All are welcome to attend.

Rotary is co-sponsoring a Chamber Business After Hours with JB Pastries June 16th from 5 to 7. Stop by for beer and doughnuts.

Our Annual Banquet will be June 9th. **THERE IS NO LUNCH MEETING JUNE 8TH**. Cost for the Banquet is \$25 per couple.

Program

PE Linda introduced today's speaker, Deputy Samuel Blank. Deputy Blank is the Dare Officer for Auglaize County. He meets with students and has added a technology safety component to his presentations.

Most kids today have cell phones. Most new phones have data plans, and many new smart phones require data plans. That means that anyone with a smart phone has the internet in their pocket. This opens up an entire new set of security problems.

One of the first things that we must do as internet consumers is to protect our

information. If you have a wireless router in your home think of it as if your front door is wide open. If you do not password protect your wireless router then anyone in range can piggyback on your internet. This means that they can download kiddy porn from your IP address so it looks like you are doing it. Do not let an open line to the internet exist without a password.

You also should not put identifying information into social network sites. Adults and children need to be aware of what they post on Facebook and other sites. While it is fun to post pictures of your vacation on Facebook, it also tells people that you are not home and won't be during your vacation. Don't put real names, actual addresses, or other identifying information on social networking sites and make sure your kids don't either.



One of the other big cyber threats is spyware and malware. These computer viruses can get into your computer and steal your information, send out spam using your address book, and can take over your hard drive. Be very careful when clicking on links from unknown sources. Do not click on pop-ups.

One other big problem, mostly with younger people, is posting inappropriate material or "sexting"

with cell phones. Kids do not realize that once something is on the internet it could be there forever. Minors send nude pictures of themselves, which is a serious offense to the kid who took the picture of his or herself, and to the people receiving it. Employers are looking at social networking sites, so don't put drunk weekend pictures on the internet.

Parents need to be aware of which digital devices can access the internet, and be careful that your children are blocked or are aware of the dangers of the internet.

Queen of Hearts

Dick Hudson won the drawing, but not the Queen.

Upcoming Programs

- 6-1 Pam Prater with Sadie the therapy dog
- 6-8 NO MEETING
- 6-9 Annual Banquet
- 6-15 Frank Bonifas – living with Tourettes Syndrome

Upcoming Greeters

- 6-1 Dick Hudson
- 6-9 Randy Elsass

**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?