



The Cog

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Call to Order

President Kimberli Rompilla called the meeting to order. Allen Baskett offered the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. We had lots of guests and visitors today. Former Rotarian Ed Pierce, Joe <iles and Tricia Bell from WLIO, Beth Lipton from the Evening Leader, Mayor Greg Freewalt, Auglaize County Sheriff Al Soloman, guest of Joe Burke, Don Regula, guest of Dan Burke, Tim Dicke, guest of Dan Burke, Sue Ellen Kohler, guest of Dan Burke, Jean Meckstroth, guest of Dan Burke, Doug Spencer, guest of Dan Burke, and Gary Hemer, guest of...you guest it...Dan Burke! Jeff Squire led us in singing "You're a Grand Old Flag." We sang "Happy Birthday" to Ellen Hunter and Sue Pittmen.

Happy Dollars

Jeff Squire, Kimberli Rompilla, Tami Sanford, Jim Harris, Ken Strickland, Kraig Noble, Kevin Lawler,

Ed Pierce, Jon Hale, Marty Dodrill, Sue Pittman, and Jeff Vosler all were Happy People today.

Fines

Randy was our "Fine Master" today. His victims included Kevin Lawler, Ken Strickland, Allen Baskett, Sandy Mathews, Joe Burke, Ellen Hunter, and anyone not wearing patriotic items today.

Announcements

There will be a board meeting July 6 in the Eagles basement at 10:45 for the new board. All are welcome to attend.

Orders are still being taken for new Rotary gear. See Sandy Mathews for the new designs and the new shirts.



Kimberli presented a check to Allen Baskett for the Auglaize/Mercer Family YMCA.

Program

Dan Burke...yes...the guy with all the guests today, introduced our Speaker Justice Robert R. Cupp of the Ohio Supreme Court. Justice Cupp was born in rural Allen County and grew up on his family's farm. He earned his political science degree with high distinction from Ohio Northern University in 1973 and his law degree from Ohio Northern's Pettit College of Law in 1976. As a student at ONU, he served as president of the Student Senate. Justice Cupp's wife, Libby, is an educator. They have two sons, Matthew and Ryan.

Prior to his election to the Supreme Court of Ohio in November 2006, Justice Robert R. Cupp served on the Ohio Court of Appeals, 3rd Appellate District, which comprises 17 counties in northwest and west central Ohio. He was selected presiding judge of the court in 2005 and administrative judge in 2004.



Much of Justice Cupp's 30-year legal career has been committed to effective public service. Before becoming a judge, Justice Cupp served 16 years as a member of the Ohio Senate, beginning in 1985 and ending in 2000 with the advent of Ohio's legislative term limits. Before his election to the General Assembly, Justice Cupp served as a Lima City prosecutor and assistant director of law from 1976 to 1980 and twice was elected Allen County commissioner, serving from 1981 to 1984 and 2001 to 2002.

In the Senate, Justice Cupp served as president pro tempore, the second-highest Senate leader, from 1997 through 2000. As chairman of the Civil Justice Subcommittee, and a 10-year member of the Judiciary Committee, he focused on civil and criminal justice issues. Further, as a member of the Education Committee, he worked extensively on education and school finance improvement issues. As Chairman of the Commerce and Labor Committee, he worked to improve the state's workers' compensation system.

Justice Cupp twice received the Ohio State Bar Association's

Distinguished Service Award. He also received the Ohio Association of Elected Officials' Robert E. Hughes Memorial Award in recognition of this outstanding contribution to the improvement of Ohio's election process. He is the recipient of the State 4-H Alumni Award.

Justice Cupp also serves as a member of the Ohio Commission on Dispute Resolution and Conflict Management. He has been a visiting professor at Ohio Northern University, his alma mater, teaching judicial process and leadership. He's a past president of the 13-county Black Swamp Area Boy Scout Council; a member of the Lima Rotary Club (Paul Harris Fellow) and of the board of trustees of the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association, serving as NCA president from July 2008 to June 2009.

Queen of Hearts

Frank Klatt won the drawing, but the Queen eluded him today.

Upcoming Programs

- 7-6 Club Assembly
- 7-13 Aug. County Fair Update
- 7-20 Frank Klatt on NASA
- 7-27 DG Helen Bolanis

Upcoming Greeters

- 7-6 Scott Ross
- 7-13 Mark Ashman
- 7-20 John Wale
- 7-27 Bob Leugers

**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?