



## **The Cog**

**Rotary Club No. 3503**  
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### **Call to Order**

President Linda Vogel called the meeting to order. Allen Baskett offered the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. We had no visitors or guests today. Kevin Lawler led the club in singing, "All Hail To Rotary" and we all sang Happy Birthday to Jeff Squire.

### **Happy Dollars**

Jeff Squire, Sue Pittman, Kevin Lawler, Ken Strickland, Keith Fledderjohann, Scott Ross, and Linda Vogel were all Happy Rotarians today.

### **Fines**

Ellen Hunter handed out the fines today. Her victims included Alex Pittman, Pat Cogan, Frank Klatt, Kathy Sampson, and anyone who... a). Did not applaud for her when she was introduced as today's finer... b). Has not gone to a district event...and c). Has not suffered through a 2yr olds tantrum in the last four days.

### **Announcements**

- Family of Rotary will sponsor our annual picnic on July 30 at 5:00 p.m. Before hand at 4:30 p.m., a check will be presented to Ryan, a special friend of Rotary who has refurbished K.C. Geiger Park as an Eagle Scout project. Also, please bring a covered dish to the picnic.  
- The Amish dinner will be October 8 in Rushsylvania, Ohio.

- Hog Raffle tickets for the hog purchased by Rotary at the county fair are available. Please buy tickets or sell them to all your friends as this is a money-maker for the club. The winners each get ½ hog.

- An updated list of the Summerfest "beer tent" schedule is circulating. If you have not signed up, please do so.

### **Program**

Since Robbie Burke managed to break her glasses, Linda Vogel stepped up with her good eyes and introduced our Special Guest Speaker for today. Helyn C. Bolanis has been a Rotarian since 1995 and currently is the District Governor for District 6600.

She is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow and a member of the Paul Harris Society. Helyn also served as charter trustee for the \$2 million Toledo Rotary Foundation from 2000-2006. She was president of the 440 member Rotary Club of Toledo in 2008-09.

At the club level, she was Chairman of the Disability Services, Programs, Classification, Foundation Advisory and Past Presidents Committees and a member of several other committees. She is a member of the Rotary Leadership

Institute and has attended Uniendo in Central America.

Helyn is the founder and Chief Investment Officer for Parlan Financial Corporation in Toledo Ohio. She has 22 consecutive years of achievement as CEO, Chief Investment Officer, and majority stockholder at the firm.

Helyn attended the University of Toledo School of Business and the American College in Bryn Mawr Pennsylvania.

She has served on the corporate boards of the YMCA/JCC of Northwest Ohio, Junior Achievement of Northwest Ohio, and Josina Lott Residential & Community Services, Inc.

She has one child, daughter Nichole, living in Pasadena, California.



Helyn shared with our club the new Rotary 6600 Web Site design and the many new features incorporated into the web site. The new web site will allow for greater access to Rotary information and increase opportunities for sharing information between clubs.

Our district has a new logo and now has a Facebook page. She spoke to the concern about declining membership in our district and challenged us to come up with things we can do to change this trend.

Helyn also shared how Rotary Foundation dollars are used and distributed between operating costs, World Fund, District Designated Funds, and other Rotary projects locally and around the world.

Helyn's theme for her term is "It's Time To Share Our Story". In order to continue to do good works in the world, to thrive and not just survive, we must "Share Our Story." Not so that we get a pat on the back, or so it benefits us personally. If we want to insure that Rotary maintains a place at the world table for disease prevention, world hunger, maternal and children wellbeing, clean water, and many other worthy endeavors, we have to tell others about Rotary. The time is now for us to rally and to "Share Our Story". We must put aside our reluctance and timidity and let our "Story" speak for itself.

### **Queen of Hearts**

For the second week in a row Lucky Susan Pittman won \$17, but the Queen eluded her once again.

### **Upcoming Programs**

8/3 Neal Brady with MECCA  
8/10 U of Dayton – Summer Appalachian Team

### **Upcoming Greeters**

8/3 Heidi Meade  
8/10 Zac Spieles  
*\*Please note: All Rotarians scheduled to greet, please be in place by 11:30 a.m.*

The meeting was adjourned with the recitation of the Four Way Test...

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Allen Baskett