



## The Cog

Rotary Club No. 3503

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### Call to Order

President-elect Robbie Burke called the meeting to order. Kathy Sampson offered the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Kraig Noble led the club in singing, "On Top of Old Smokey."

### Happy Dollars

Sue Pittman was happy to make announcements including one about the Summerfest Art Show and Friends of the Library Book Sale; Kraig Noble was \$5 worth of happy that his dad was transitioning to assisted living following his stay in the nursing wing at Otterbein, and that Ed Noble and Eldon Montague were named Outstanding Senior Citizens for 2011, and for attending a Rotary Club meeting in NYC at the Harvard Club; Ed Raudabaugh was happy for his chance at the queen; Ellen Hunter shared the story that her son can now

count to five; Dan Hosek was happy to announced the Supper and Sounds event that is part of Summerfest; Frank Klatt assured us he was now worth \$5 as he had his ticker attended to during a hospital stay trying out some new medicine; Keith Fledderjohann was happy to see Robbie run his first meeting; Susan Heitkamp was happy to have gone through her last eye surgery; Dan Burke was happy for his son's accomplishments on the MHS varsity golf team; and Rick Gerdeman was happy – albeit with the dollar – that Troy Matthews was named head of security at the Schott in Columbus.

### Fines

Rick Gerdeman handed out the fines today. His victims included the Attendance Committee; everyone sitting at the back table since there were so many empty seats up front; Frank Klatt and Ken Strickland for their cruise wear; Kraig Noble for encouraging alcohol consumption after dark; Jim Harris was pretending he was on safari; Randy Elsass for the crappy stock market; and anyone who would consider joining a Bengals Backers club.

### Announcements

- Winning Hog Raffle tickets will be drawn this weekend. Get your tickets turned in ASAP.

- Don't forget to work your shift at the Beer Tent at Summerfest.

- Rotary apparel is in – see Sandy Matthews

### Program

Robbie Burke introduced the program, calling it a perfect example of service above self.

St. Marys residents Amanda Newlove and Jared Kinkley were at the meeting

to talk about the University of Dayton's Summer Appalachia Program, in which they both participated this summer. Their program was accompanied by a power point highlighting photos of the people they met during their time in Kentucky.



UD has had a mission program to the Appalachia region for more than 45 years. This summer, 14 UD students, along with a Marianist Brother, made the trip to Magoffin County, Kentucky, where the program has a house and where the students spend nine weeks providing service to the people of the community.

The ministry is one of presence, Jared said, where the students strive to build relationships and appreciate the Appalachian culture. They bring five experiences to the community: building community, day camp, teen center, elderly visits and family visits.

Amanda said the UD students strive to influence the youth and teens of the Kentucky community in positive ways to steer them away from drugs, which are prevalent in the area. They take the kids fishing, hang out, listen to music and in the day camp have more structured activities with the kids.

Visiting the elderly gave the UD students the opportunity to reminisce with the seniors and learn more about their way of life and their history. Family visits were made to help make the relationships they were developing more solid. Jared said they found some of the parents of children in this year's programming, were also participants in UD's program some years ago.

The two showed part of a video they created to highlight the experience, although Jared's experience was cut short after getting bitten by a copperhead snake en route to the swimming hole.

### Queen of Heats

Rick Green's number was drawn from the jar for a chance at the Queen. However the Queen lives on for another day.

### Upcoming programs

- 08/17 World Community Workshop students
- 08/24 Dave Sprague, City of St. Marys Drinking Water Quality report
- 08/31 Greg Phillips, new St. Marys football coach

### Upcoming Greeters

- 08/17 Mick Temen
- 08/24 Allen Baskett
- 08/31 Sandy Matthews

*\*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.