



The Cog

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Call to Order

President Linda Vogel called the meeting to order. Susan Pittman offered the prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Jeff Squire led the song, "Oh Rotary, My Rotary." There were no birthdays. Guests were Paula Johnson, guest of Tanya Temple, and high school guests that presented today's program about the Rotary World Community Workshop.

Happy Dollars

Linda Vogel, Marty Dodrill, Jeff Squire, Kelly Kill, John Wale, Susan Pittman, Tanya Temple, Ellen Hunter, Randy Elsass.

Fines

Randy Elsass was the finer. Anyone not working two shifts at the Summerfest - \$1.00; Linda Haines, Kelly Kill, Linda Vogel, Sandy

Matthews, Ellen Hunter, Dan Hosek, Brad Seitz, Mike Makley, and anyone not participating in a two-day golf tournament.

Announcements

- Linda Vogel announced that hog raffle tickets will be drawn at the end of today's meeting. Anyone still wanting to buy a ticket today can do so, or have Keith bill your account.

- The second-to-last Concert in the Park for 2011 will be the vocal trio "Simple Harmony" of Sidney, OH, featuring music from "oldies" to "Big Band," happening Sunday, August 21, at 7:00 p.m.

- Anyone who still has some clothes to donate, please see Linda right away.

In her Rotary Minute, Linda mentioned how valuable the Rotary World Community Workshop at Defiance College is to all who participate. The annual three-day event focuses on a particular country and all aspects of its culture. While it is a great learning experience for the students, St. Marys Rotarians should also plan to attend next year and see what it is all about!

Program

President-elect Robbie Burke introduced our program about this year's World Community Workshop and asked high school Principal David Lewis to introduce the participants, all high school sophomores: Neil Perry, Brooke Hertenstein, Sarika Sivagnanam, Kevin Dammeyer. Focusing this year on the nation of Italy, students

attended Defiance College on May 12 - 14, 2011, to learn about Italian culture in a uniquely different way. Neil Perry decided to study Italian architecture, specifically Italian bridges. Brooke Hertenstein focused on the history of Italy, specifically Renaissance scientists. Sarika Sivagnanam was interested in Italian art, especially the glazing of tiles. Kevin Dammeyer (son of Karl) also focused on the history of Italy, the regime of Mussolini. All the students commented on how fun and interesting the event was and how they met interesting students their own age that may become lifelong friends.

Principal Lewis mentioned that these four sophomores chosen had the highest grade point averages of their class.



Rotarians asked about their current school activities and future aspirations: Neil mentioned football, Teens for Christ, and plans to become a medical doctor or join the air force. Brooke mentioned her church youth group, Relay for Life, marching band, and spoke of a desire to become a professional dancer. Sarika enjoys Art Club and is considering studying graphic design. Kevin hopes to study mechanical or aerospace engineering.

The students appreciated the Italian banquet that they were offered (as well as - to a lesser extent - dorm food). They enjoyed meeting students that had traveled to Italy and they also considered possibly becoming exchange students. While they did not learn a lot of the Italian language, they loved hearing opera as well as working in groups with their peers.

Hog Raffle Drawing

Our student guests drew the two tickets for the winners of the hog raffle. The winners were: Elaine Barhorst and Tim Dicke.

Queen of Hearts

Susan Heikamp handled the drawing. Jim Harris was the lucky winner of the drawing, but not the Queen!

Upcoming Programs

8/24 Dave Sprague, City of St. Marys Drinking Water Quality report
8/31 Greg Phillips, new St. Marys football coach

Upcoming Greeters

8/24 Allen Baskett
8/31 Sandy Matthews
9/7 Alex Pittman

**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.

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