



## The Cog

Rotary Club No. 3503

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### Call to Order

President Linda Vogel called the meeting to order. Rev. Bill Maki offered the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Alex Pittman was the greeter and introduced our guests for the day including visiting Rotarians Paula Johnson from Bluffton, In. and Jerry Skiver, Superintendent St. Marys City Schools. He also introduced the guest of Jim Harris, Michael Lause of the Dayton Silverbacks and guest of Kathy Sampson, Ron Meyer of Minster Bank. Kraig Noble led us in singing "Wait Til the Sun Shines Nellie". There birthdays, but Ali and Ron were not present to get their flowers.

### Happy Dollars

Marti Dodrill was happy for a West Virginia win. Kraig was happy for the Michigan win. Keith Fledderjohann was happy for his son's wedding in the

future. Ellen Hunter, Randy Elsass and Frank Klatt were also happy.

### Fines

Ellen was the surprise finer today. It was a surprise to Ellen because she forgot that she was the finer for the day. Ellen quickly recovered and did group fines for anyone who did not cook out last Sunday, anyone not having any more children and anyone not attending the OSU game on Saturday.

### Announcements

There was a reminder of the Rotarians and guests trip to enjoy an Amish Dinner on October 8<sup>th</sup>. You can sign up on line or reply to Kathy Sampson ASAP. The family can accommodate 50 people in their home so the first 50 will have a seat for an enjoyable dinner.

Keith reminded everyone that the Quarterly dues are past due and should be paid.

The club directory is being updated, so any member information that needs updated should be turned in to Don Hinckley or Keith.

Jim Jordon will be here as the speaker for September 28.

### Program

President-elect Robbie Burke introduced our speaker Michael Lause. Michael is the new General Manager of the Dayton Silverbacks Professional Indoor Football team. Michael lives in the Maria Stein area, his wife's home area. He works in Dayton 12 months a year to make the Silverbacks' organization run smoothly.

Some of Michael's duties include finding corporate sponsors for the team, signing players to play at the rate of \$200.00 per game, finding living arrangements and employment for the players and in his spare time promoting the team in the area. In addition he is in charge of arranging travel plans for away games with 6 teams in the league in Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, and Kentucky.



(Michael Lause – Dayton Silverbacks)

Michael said the team was hiring a new head coach today. There were 75 applicants but Jim Tressel did not apply. (It was noted on the Silverbacks' web site today that Mister Askew was hired to be the new coach for this season.)

In answer to many questions, it was noted that indoor football is similar to regular football with fewer players. The levels of football would be first pro, then arena, then indoor football. Most of the players are from Division 2 and 3 colleges. Two names of note now are Ben Mauk and Josh Harris. Most of the kids are around 24 or 25 and they play because of the love of the game, not for fame and fortune. Tryouts are in Oct, Nov, and Dec and games are played January through May.

The team has a 10 game season with 5 at home and 5 away. Players travel to away games by bus. Last year they averaged around 1500 in attendance. Most games are on Saturday nights. Tickets for the games are \$12.00.

Jeff Squire alerted the members to the Silverbabes who are cheerleaders/dancers on the sidelines for the games.

### Queen of Hearts

Ellen Hunter won the weekly drawing, but the Queen lives.

### Upcoming Programs

09-14 Holly Jacomet – Grand Lake Wound Center  
09-21 Dan Keyes – Painter of Pictures in Heritage Park  
09-28 Jim Jordon – Congressman of Ohio's 4<sup>th</sup> District  
10-5 Galen Cisco

### Upcoming Greeters

09-14 Rick Green  
09-21 Tanya Temple  
09-28 Ralph Wiley

*\*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?