



The Cog

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Call to Order

President Linda Vogel called the meeting to order. Kathy Sampson offered the invocation and also welcomed us to the meeting. Guests included Steve Smith from the New Bremen/New Knoxville Club; Rhonda Shelby, a guest of Paige Canfield; Ron Meyer, guest of Kathy; and students from Memorial High School: Natalie Hicks, Jordan Baskin, Josh Parker, Rachel Austin and Michael Broski, all guests of Mike Makley. Jeff Squire led us in singing "All Hail to Rotary" and Happy Birthday to Robbie Burke, Don Hinckley (in absentia), Jim Heinrich and Rick Green.

Happy Dollars

Linda Vogel was happy to be back, Robbie Burke was happy for the Amish Dinner and that Linda was back, Jeff Squire was happy for a weekend at Susan's cabin, Kimberli Rompilla was happy to be back and that her volleyball team was doing well, Ken Strickland was happy in another language, Randy Elsass reminded everyone about the Mayoral Debate, Sue Pittman was happy for all kinds of things, Kelly Kill was

happy about the upcoming weekend activities, Tami Sanford was happy about the upcoming Tailgate for Cancer event, Jeff Vossler was happy to get an old bottle and that all his kids are working, Paige Canfield was happy for Sweetest Day and for her guest, Joe Burke was happy to out Robbie that her birthday was her 50th, Kevin Lawler was happy for his putter golf skills, Jerry Skiver was happy for a good "waiver/labor" day (depending on who heard what!), Derek Vogel was happy to see Rhonda Shelby in the house, Alex Pittman was happy but I didn't write down why and Susan Heitkamp was happy to announce the Business to Business Expo that was held Thursday,

Fines

Fines were levied by Jon Hall and he got Jerry Skiver, Ken Strickland, Randy Elsass, Robbie Burke, Alex Pittman, Derek Vogel, Kraig Noble, and anyone who didn't give a happy dollar.

Announcements

Linda reminded everyone of the Halloween Parade and showed off the new banner. John Wale announced the football pool winners: Kraig Noble, Robbie Burke, Tami Sanford and himself. There will be another pool for the OSU/Michigan game. Kelly Kill presented John with a check for \$3,344, the club's profit from slinging beer at the Summerfest.

Program

Robbie Burke then introduced our speakers, Sheriff Al Solomon and Det. Sgt. Jerry Sawmiller for a program about identity theft.

The sheriff pointed out ID theft is a problem that is not slowing down, especially because the crime is often committed long before the victim is aware anything has happened. He said senior citizens are especially vulnerable.

He said it is hard to make an arrest after the face, so he and his officers are working

hard to make prevention information public to stop the crime before it happens.



SHERIFF AL SOLOMON

Sawmiller presented a power point presentation. He said ID theft, which is defined as someone stealing your personal information for illegal purposes is being called the crime of the century.

Scammers search for personal information in trash, by stealing wallets and purses, stealing mail, or by stealing personnel records that employers keep. Online and email scams are also common, and sometimes hard to tell from the real thing.

Sawmiller cautioned to beware of imposters, to work to keep all personal information safe and private and be careful online. Firewalls are a necessity, he said, as is shredding documents and not using your Social Security number as an ID number.

All cases of ID theft should be reported to law enforcement as soon as possible, Sawmiller said, no matter how embarrassing the thought is that one get scammed.

Queen of Hearts

Lorraine Fischio won the weekly drawing, and then drew a joker and had to pay Derek Vogel \$5! And the Queen lives.

Upcoming Programs

- 10-19 Mayoral Election Debate with Greg Freewalt and Patrick McGowan
- 10-26 Jim Heinrich and Rick Green R. I. Foundation

Upcoming Greeters

- 10-19 Jeff Vossler
- 10-26 Paige Canfield

CLUB BUSINESS

The following names were submitted to the Rotary Board as potential new members. All names listed were approved and now need to be published in the COG. Once the 7 day objection period has been met, the membership committee will contact these individuals to see if they are interested in joining our club.

- KATHY BAYLISS – AGAPE
- JASON BLACK – BUDS
- DAVE LEWIS - SCHOOL
- KAREN BLUMHORST – CAPABILITIES
- DOUG SPENCER – AD / COUNTY COMMISSIONER
- JOHN BERGMAN – COUNTY COMMISSIONER
- VERYL CISCO – REALTOR
- DENISE CISCO -- REALTOR
- KEVIN OSMAN – PARKER HANNIFAN
- TIM LACEY – KROGER
- KIRK SPECKMAN – KROGER
- KENDRA DUEBLER – SCHWIETERMAN'S PHARMACY
- THOMAS SHELBY – THOMAS SHELBY & CO
- KIM WENDEL – SNAP FITNESS
- TRISHA BARNES – EDWARD D JONES

**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?