



The Cog

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Call to Order

President Elect Robbie Burke called the meeting to order. Kevin Lawler offered the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Jeff Squire led us in singing "All Hail to Rotary." We sang "Happy Birthday" to Ed Raudabaugh. Our guests included Jan Heinrich, a guest of Jim.

Happy Dollars

Marty Dodrill was happy that West Virginia was joining the Big 12, Mike Makley for his trip to NYC and for the Buckeyes, Sandy Matthews for the Grand Lake Hospice fundraiser scheduled for April 21, 2012 (mark your calendars), Ed Pierce for being able to run for Prosecutor ("please sign my petition"), Rick Gerdeman for no White Elephant, Kraig Noble for pulling the Queen and for a malt shop cruise, Tami

Sanford for her zip lining vacation in NC and TN, Keith Fledderjohann for a quiet Frank Klatt (Badgers, anyone?), and Deb Zwez for directing (for the last time) Wapak's swim meet. Frank Klatt took the bait and told a very long story to try to explain Wisconsin's lose.

Fines

Derek Vogel was our "Fine Master" today. He fined Frank for his bad story, Kraig for a Beach Boys joke, Ed for his political pitch, Kevin Harlan because Marty has stopped coming into the bakery, Jeff for not liking the Hokey Pokey, the Burkes for monopolizing the meeting, and anyone who has not pre-ordered from the bakery or donated to the RI Foundation.

Announcements

John Wale announced another OSU raffle, this time \$10 a square for the Michigan game. See John for details.

Induction

Dan Burke inducted Trisha Barnes as our newest Rotarian. Her sponsor is Tim Dicke.



Program

PE Robbie introduced our own Jerry Skiver, our speaker for the day. Jerry is the interim superintendent for the St.

Marys School system. He has his undergraduate degree from Ohio University, his Masters from Xavier, and has received additional education at many other institutions. He started his teaching career in Portsmouth, got his first superintendent's job at Kenton, and finished his career in New Boston. He was hired to come here to "keep the ship afloat" as the interim superintendent.



Jerry stated that while Superintendent he has three main goals: develop relationships, establish fiscal solvency, and attain academic excellence.

Jerry started his presentation with his first impressions of St. Marys. When he came to town he found in clean, neat and growing. He showed pictures of the early buildings in the district and the current facilities, including the primary and intermediate schools, the Dennings Building and the new Memorial High/Middle School complex. The new building is very impressive for those coming into town from the highway and the on ramp.

Jerry found the staff very caring and involved in student achievement. Our schools have a proud history of success and that is because of the teachers, the community and the Board. He said that the Board has been pro-active about the current financial situation, but more still

needs to be done. Expenditures are still out stripping costs. Through contract negotiations, staff rearrangement and faculty reductions the have taken \$3,000,000 out of the budget in the past three years.

Even with those reductions the budget is still running in the red about \$1,000,000 a year. He expressed a concern that any additional cutting will have a direct impact on the students. So far the cuts have been made to minimize the impact to the students. He expects the next Board will need to put a levy on in the near future to deal with the budgetary shortfall.

Queen of Hearts

John Wale won the daily drawing, but the Queen eluded him today.

Upcoming Programs

- 11-9 Veterans Day Program Ralph Dennings WWII Vet Diary of a Mission
- 11-16 Kristen Hough Sunshine Project
- 11-23 Thanksgiving with Kevin Lawler
- 11-30 Michelle Evans Council on Aging

Upcoming Greeters

- 11-9 Brad Seitz
 - 11-16 Susan Heitkamp
 - 11-23 Ken Strickland
 - 11-30 Chris Wibbenmeyer
- *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?