



The Cog

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Call to Order

President Linda Vogel called the meeting to order. Allen Baskett offered the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Kraig Noble led us in singing "America." We sang "Happy Birthday" to Allen, Pat Cogan and Jerry Skiver. We had no guests today.

Happy Dollars

Linda Vogel, Sue Pittman, Kraig Noble, Ken Strickland, Alex Pittman, Sandy Gerdeman, Dan Hosek, Marty Dodrill, Jerry Skiver, Randy Elsass and Allen Baskett were all happy today for various reasons.

Fines

Rick Gerdeman was our "Fine Master" today. He fined Kraig Noble for gloating about the Michigan victory,

Alex Pittman for appreciating the Michigan victory, Don Hinckley for sitting at a new table, Kathy Sampson, Dick Hudson and Kevin Lawler for missing questions, and anyone who did not gain weight over Thanksgiving or did not go deer hunting.

Announcements

There will be a quick board meeting today. The regular board meeting will be next week, December 7, at 10:45.

We received a thank you note from the New Bremen/New Knoxville club for our donation to the Sunshine Park. Linda reminded the club that she would personally match any club member who bought a butterfly to help with the park's fundraising. Contact Linda for details.

Sandy announced that the club's Christmas Party would be December 14th. We are planning on the Yankee Swap format, and please bring a gift of approximately \$25 to participate.

Keith Fledderjohann announced that John Hall, Ed Raudabaugh, Randy Elsass and Marty Dodrill all won a piece of the OSU/Michigan pool.

Program

PE Robbie introduced Michelle Evans, a senior outreach worker at the Auglaize County Counsel on Aging, as our program today. The ACCA is our county's local senior services provider, serving people in our community aged 60 or older. The goal of the ACCA is to keep people in their homes as long as possible and to provide services to help them. Michelle told us that greater than 20% of Auglaize County is over the age of 60. The census believes that that number will increase 42% by the year

2020. In our county over 14% of seniors live in poverty.

The ACCA was founded in 1976 as a non-profit agency. There is a 12 member board and there are currently 28 employees, many of whom are part time. The agency is funded on the county level, with support from the United Way, Passport and private donations. Michelle gave the club an overview of the people at the agency and the services available to those who qualify.



Chris Roby is the executive director of the Agency. The ACCA does an assessment of any senior who requests services to determine the best help that can be provided. They provide for a Transitional Meal Plan that delivers two meals a day, prepared by JTD MH, each weekday to help seniors as they get permanent prescription meals. They have a friendly visitor program that tries to connect community volunteers with lonely seniors so that health care people are not the only ones that they interact with.

Transportation services are one of the most important services for the seniors. It helps keep seniors independent by getting them to doctor's appointments, other appointments and can even help run errands. Chore services and homemaker services are also available. Agency employees can

do lawn mowing, raking and minor repairs, as well as light housekeeping. There are many services available at the St. Marys location as well, including meals, bingo, cards, line dancing and computer classes.

The agency has recently opened a satellite branch in Wapakoneta. They did not know what the response would be, and it was huge. It is only open Monday, Wednesday and Friday and is full when they open. They are looking for a better space for the facility already.

After the presentation, Linda gave Michelle a donation to the ACCA from our club.

Queen of Hearts

Pat Cogan won the daily drawing, but the Queen eluded him today.

Upcoming Programs

- 12-7 St. Marys Basketball Coaches
- 12-14 Christmas Party
- 12-21 Family Life Center
- 12-28 Aug. Co. Special Olympics

Upcoming Greeters

- 12-7 Dan Hosek
- 12-14 Don Hinckley
- 12-21 Darwin Zeigler
- 12-28 Marty Dodrill

**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?