



The Cog

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Call to Order

President Linda Vogel called the meeting to order. Kevin Lawler offered the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Sandy Gerdeman led us in singing "Over the River." There were no birthdays. Our guests included Jim Becket, Doug Ayers, Principal Dave Lewis and our high school seniors.

Happy Dollars

Linda, Sue Pittman, Kraig Noble, Marty Dodrill, Jerry Skiver, Loraine Fischio, Keith Fledderjohann and Randy Elsass were all happy today for various reasons.

Fines

Randy Elsass was our "Fine Master" today. He fined Sandy for yelling at us while we sang, Dan Hosek

for working too hard during the meeting, Mark Ashman and Kevin Lawler for goofing around, and he got Kathy Sampson, Pat Cogan, Ed Raudabaugh, Ed Peirce, and Sue Pittman for missing answers. He fined everyone who did not have his or her Mad River Mountain ski pass yet.

Induction

Dan Burke inducted Jerry Skiver as our newest member. Jerry is the superintendent for the St. Marys Schools and is a former Rotarian.



Announcements

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

Bills are due. Please see Keith to settle up before the end of the year.

The Board reported that our club would not participate in the festival of lights at KC Geiger Park, but we did use the funds to decorate Santa's House in Memorial Park and to provide the toys for his visitors.

We received a Thank You from Chris Roby at the ACCA for our donation.

Linda announced that our club would be a Compassion level sponsor for the Hospice benefit.

Linda presented a donation to Doug Ayers towards the St. Marys Firefighters purchase of a Rescue Randy training manikin. She presented a check to Jim Becket for our donation to the Shriners.

Program

PR Robbie Burke introduced our speakers today. Kelly Fulmer is the Memorial High Varsity Girls Basketball Coach and Dan Hegemier is the Boys Varsity Coach. This is the third year for both of them leading the Rough Riders.



Kelly's squad graduated all five starters last year and is off to an 0-3 start this year. She has two seniors and three juniors starting for her this year, none of whom received much varsity experience last year. There are sixteen sophomores and freshmen coming up in the program. They do have a separate freshman team and JV team, but they have had pull many freshmen up to the JV squad due to injuries. The WBL will be a tough league this year and her team is building with each game they play. The Bath game should be the toughest, with rivals Wapak and Celina both having strong teams this year.

Dan's teams have gotten better each year he has coached here and he believes that will continue this year. He has had

trouble in the past getting kids with the ability to score. He has three starters back from last year's team. St. Marys is not a basketball town, and he has to focus on basic mechanics a lot. This year he has some scorers and he expects more perimeter shooting from the team this year. They have opened the season 0-2 against two tough MAC teams. The first home game is the 9th against St. Henry. While he did complain about our height, this year's team is quick and athletic. The team needs to start winning to know how it feels. Elida and Defiance will be the WBL's toughest teams this year but every game will be a challenge. When asked, he said he would stick to a man to man defense, even against the taller teams.

Queen of Hearts

Doris Lawler won the daily drawing, but the Queen eluded him today.

Upcoming Programs

- 12-14 Christmas Party
- 12-21 Family Life Center
- 12-28 Aug. Co. Special Olympics

Upcoming Greeters

- 12-14 Don Hinckley
- 12-21 Loraine Fischio
- 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?