



## The Cog

Rotary Club No. 3503  
P. O. Box 544,  
St. Marys, OH 45885.  
[www.stmarysrotary.org](http://www.stmarysrotary.org)  
December 14, 2011

### Call to Order

President Linda Vogel called the meeting to order. Kevin Lawler offered the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. There was no song, in order to expedite the holiday festivities, but "Happy Birthday" was sung to Deb Zwez. Guests today included Lisa Inskeep, guest of Lorraine Fischio; and Jan Heinrich, guest of Jim Heinrich.

Fines and happy dollars were also suspended in honor of the annual Christmas Party.

### Christmas Party

President Linda took a moment to thank Rick and Sandy Gerdeman, who organized the Christmas Party, and

Paige Canfield who made and provided the beautiful centerpieces.

As explained by Rick, the Christmas gift exchange operated in the same fashion it has over the last couple of years: gifts once open could be stolen up to three times. The first ticket drawn belonged to Mike Makley and we were off to the races.



**PARTY CHAIRS RICK & SANDY G.**

Gifts unwrapped included holiday decorations, gas cards, Red Lobster gift certificate, tools, bourbon cake, gourmet cookies and lots and lots of booze – Makers Mark, JB Scotch, Crown Royal, Amaretto Di Sarrono, Baily's Irish Cream, Captain Morgan, lots of bottles of wine and the mysterious and exotic "Jeremiah Weed."

Items of note:

- Kathy Sampson gallantly tried to keep up with each item and how many times it was stolen, a job made just that more difficult because she had a hard time spelling words like Chardonnay and scotch.

- Dick Hudson, who had one of the first tickets out, somewhere down the line traded his wine for Marty Dodrill's tickets to the Niswonger Performing Arts Center and then *left the party*, ostensibly to protect his gift from being stolen!



- Derek Vogel received a lovely set of screwdrivers and despite his best efforts got to take them home.
- During the event, the annual "Goodfellows passing of the hat" took place and Rotarians donated \$286, which brought the club's total donation to \$506.



- Dan Hosek was the guy with the last ticket drawn.

The party concluded with Rick and Sandy drawing for the 50/50, which Kimberli Rompilla won; and they then gave away the centerpieces as well as some extra gifts including a massage, four tickets to the Dayton Dragons, and more booze!

It's fair to say the Christmas party was enjoyed by all.

### Upcoming Programs

12-21	Family Life Center
12-28	Aug. Co. Special Olympics
1-4	Doug Spencer, Athletic Dir.
1-11	Russ Bailey, Dog Warden

### Upcoming Greeters

12-21	Lorraine Fischio
12-28	Marty Dodrill
1-4	Jim Heinrich

*\*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?