



## *The Cog*

**Rotary Club No. 3503**  
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**February 15, 2012**

### Call to Order

President Linda Vogel called the meeting to order. Susan Pittman offered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Kraig Noble led us in singing "I've Been Working on the Railroad." Birthdays were Mike Makley, Kathy Sampson and Bob Leugers. Guests were Elaine Lochtefeld, guest of Dan Hosek.

### Happy Dollars

Jerry Skiver, Dan Hosek, Kelly Kill, Beth Noneman, Dan Burke, Jim Heinrich (reported the death of Rotary President Glenn Estes), Lorraine Fischio, Kraig Noble, Sandy Gerdeman, Keith Fledderjohann, Linda Vogel.

### Fines

Jon Hall fined Mike Makley, Sandy Gerdeman, Jerry Skiver, Susan Pittman, Alex Pittman, Jim Heinrich, the membership committee, anyone not trying the garlic salad, and anyone who has not paid their dues yet.

### Announcements

- Linda Vogel announced that the District 6600 Conference for 2012 would be Thursday, April 19 – Sunday, April 22, 2012, at the Seagate Centre in Toledo. The registration fee is \$250.00 and those registering early will receive their hotel room at a reduced rate. Go to the District 6600 website and register online now.

### Program

Program chair Robbie Burke introduced our speakers, Justin and Karen Blumhorst of Capabilities and Joe Bidlack of WeCanToo, a recent (2010) corollary initiative begun by the Blumhorsts. Justin quoted Olympic skater Scott Hamilton: "The only disability is a bad attitude." Capabilities opened in 1997. Services include any which will benefit disabled citizens: benefits analysis, case management, community-based assessment, job coaching, training and placement, sign language interpretation, computer training, summer youth

work experience, and driver's training.

While Capabilities began in the Blumhorst's home in 1997, there are now offices in Mason, Dayton, Findlay, Lexington, Troy and Toledo. Those with disabilities are not always those using wheelchairs, but they may have hearing, vision, learning and other challenges.



Karen Blumhorst spoke of Capabilities job coaching and training, computer instruction assessment and job work assessments. They have worked with area companies like AAP. A new service of Capabilities is helping injured workers return to employment or find other employment.

Joe Bidlack mentioned another of their initiatives – a service called WeCanToo on S. Park Drive in St. Marys, which involves disabled workers in vehicle detailing, customizing medals, trophies and plaques, custom printing drink koozies, and labeling water bottles.

They have worked with SM schools. More details are available at [www.wecantoo.biz](http://www.wecantoo.biz).

Our speakers left \$3.00- Happy Dollars!

### Queen of Hearts

Beth Noneman read the ticket number and lucky Dick Hudson won \$11.00. He tried for the Queen, but she escaped him for today!!

### Upcoming Programs

2/22 St. Marys Fire Dept.  
2/29 Arts Place

### Upcoming Greeters

2/22 Rick Gerdeman  
2/29 Gary Newton

*\*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?

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