



The Cog

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Call to Order

President-Elect Robbie Burke called the meeting to order. Allen Baskett offered the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Jeff Squire led us in singing "All Hail to Rotary." Guests were Tim Bigham, guest of Robbie Burke, and Fred Vogel, member of the Union County Rotary Club. There were no birthdays.

Happy Dollars

Robbie Burke was happy to spend last week in Florida and have Tim joining us today, Mike Makley for the opportunity to catch a glimpse of the bald eagles at Randy Elsass' suggestion, Carl Dammeyer for the girls' bowling

team going to state, Dick Hudson for taking five dollars from Carl last week, Kraig Noble for the recent birth of a relative in Hong Kong, and Fred Vogel for receiving such a warm welcome from the club.

Fines

Rev. Bill Maki was our finer today. He fined Kathy Sampson, Ed Pierce, Dick Hudson, Scott Ross, Kraig Noble, Mike Makley, and Jeff Squire. Dan Burke was the only one able to escape his wrath by answering correctly. He also fined anyone who has not attended an art class at the Arts Place, and in the spirit of giving up something for Lent made everyone give up fifty cents!

Announcements

There is a Rotary board meeting next Wednesday at 10:45 a.m.

Program

Robbie introduced Hope McKnight, interim center director for Arts Place Collective Center. Arts Place, Inc has two locations: the Portland Center in Portland, IN and the Collective Center in Saint Marys. The Saint Marys location has seven board members, including our very own Jeff Squire.

Hope started the program by stating that she "believes all people

deserve to have arts in their life," and Arts Place has provided that to area residents since 2005. Programs in music, art, and pen are offered locally and provide unique educational opportunities for students of all ages. In addition to direct programming, Arts Place provides a number of services to artists, cultural organizations, and the general public.

Hope was excited to update the club on Arts Place new home. It is located at 142 E Spring St in the old Durnell's Jewelry Store. This new location has allowed more room for classes and a beautiful space for local artists to exhibit artwork.



Arts Place is offering two art classes this spring: watercolor for adults and drawing for kids. The sessions start at the end of March and there is still time to sign up. The registration deadline is March 14th.

On March 9th, Arts Place will be hosting a regional student art exhibit. A reception will be held

from 4-7p.m. Great opportunity to check out the new location and some local artists!

Queen of Hearts

Mick Teman won the weekly drawing but pulled a joker out of the deck. Mike Makley took five dollars from him.

Upcoming Programs

- 3-7 National Agriculture Day
- 3-14 Vince Koza on Sports
- 3-21 Randy Elsass on Ireland
- 3-28 Glenn Hux Growing up in an orphanage in Van Wert

Upcoming Greeters

- 3-7 Randy Elsass
- 3-14 Doug Oliver
- 3-21 Ali Khokhar

**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?