



## The Cog

**Rotary Club No. 3503**  
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**March 7, 2012**

### Call to Order

President Linda Vogel called the meeting to order. Susan Pittman offered the prayer. Guests included Ron Meyer, guest of Kathy Sampson and Mike Burkholder of the Evening Leader. Kraig Noble led us in singing "I've Been Working on the Railroad." There were two birthdays – Rick Kogge and Kimberli Rompilla – but neither was in attendance.

### Happy Dollars

Linda Vogel, Jim Harris, Kraig Noble, Kathy Sampson, Mick Teman, Susan Pittman, Karl Dammeyer, Lorraine Fischio, Linda Haines, Robbie Burke.

### Fines

Derek Vogel was the finer. His victims included Alex Pittman, Jerry Skiver, Dan Burke, Robbie Burke, Kraig Noble, anyone who didn't bring a friend to Rotary, anyone who didn't vote yesterday.

### Announcements

- Linda Vogel presented a check for \$250.00 to Lorraine Fischio for the Auglaize County Crisis Center.
- Updates for the Rotary Directory are available to be picked up today.
- Gary Newton shared at the board meeting today that Rotary-sponsored signs for the Nature Walk are being made and he passed out sheets with examples in color.
- April 25 is Administrative Professional Day.
- College Hoops are upon us and Rotary is again doing a board. The cost is \$5.00 per team and payments are for the Final Four, Final Two, and the Winner. See John Wale or Keith Flederjohann.
- District Assembly is Saturday, March 31, at Bowling Green University. There is training for new Rotary presidents and officials, but any club member is welcome to go and there is no charge!
- The District Conference is April 19-22 in Toledo at the Seagate Center.

### Program

Robbie Burke introduced our own Jim Harris, owner of P & J Consulting and also an Aflac representative. Jim has been working recently in Piqua, Ohio, for the French Oil Mill Machinery Co. that makes equipment to process soybeans.

Before he began his remarks, Jim noted how thankful he was that his granddaughter Meredith has just turned two. She has overcome many

health issues since birth and enjoyed some chocolate cake.

Soybeans are a source of vegetable oil (called soy oil in other countries.) Soy has provided food products for thousands of years and the United States is the number one producer.



While we have a large trade deficit with China, there is a trade surplus in America's favor in soybeans – China is one of the largest importers of U.S. soybeans.

There are actually over 40 kinds of soybeans in the world and they have been used for food since 2800BC. The soybean contains 35% protein and 20% oil content.

Three methods are used for processing the soybeans:

- Mechanical extraction of the oil
- Chemical solvent extraction leading to usage for industrial purposes, biodiesel, etc.
- A combination of both processes

Soybeans are taken from the field, the hulls are cracked and separated from the seed. The hulls can be used as cattle feed or as industrial raw materials. The soybeans are heated and then the oil pressed out, with the

remaining meal often used as animal feed.

Chemical extraction includes a flaker, which produces a soy product resembling oatmeal.

All the necessary processing equipment will cost approx. \$750,000, but can process 500 acres of soybeans per day.

### Queen of Hearts

Mike Makley handled the drawing today and Lucky Pat Cogan won the drawing, but – alas – not the Queen.

### Upcoming Programs

- 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

- 3/14 Doug Oliver
- 3/21 Ali Khokhar
- 3/28 Bill Maki

*\*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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