

## The Cog

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

### Call to Order

President Linda Vogel called the meeting to order. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Kathy Sampson offered our invocation. Guests today included Jan Heinrich, guest of Jim Heinrich...and St Marys High School seniors Matt Lemmerman, Brad Axe, and Haley Hicks. Alex Pittman led us in singing "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling" We also had three birthdays today...Jeff Vossler, Jim Harris, and Brad Seitz were treated to a rousing rendition of "Happy Birthday".

### Happy Dollars

Don Hinkley, Ellen Hunter, Randy Elsass, and Gary Newton all were Happy Rotarians today.

### Fines

Randy Elsass handled today's Fines. His victims included Joe Burke,

Jeff Vosler. Rick Green, Brad Seitz, Sue Pittman, Allen Baskett, and anyone not wearing Easter colors or who has not taken a spill on the ski slope this week.

### Announcements

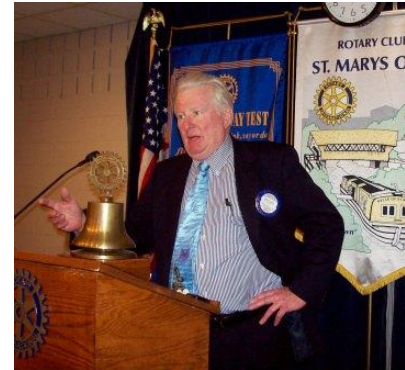
- The Reds Game sign-up sheet is going around today.
- Updates for the Rotary Directory are available.
- April 25 is Administrative Professional Day.
- Our College Hoops board is going around today. There are still a few spaces open. The cost is \$5.00 per team and payments are for the Final Four, Final Two, and the Winner.
- 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 Randy Elsass and his wife Karen spoke to us today about their trip to Killarney, Ireland. Randy and Karen shared a wonderful PowerPoint presentation of the many places they visited.

Randy and Karen found the Irish people to be extremely friendly, easy going, and laid back everywhere they went. He noted and shared pictures showing how beautifully maintained all the yards and properties seemed to be.

Some of the sites they visited included the Ring of Kerry, the Bunratty Castle, the Blarney Castle...home of "The Blarney Stone", Dromoland Castle, and the Cliffs of Moher where they saw thousands of small birds called Puffins.



Randy noted that most of the homes and older structures had long narrow windows.



Jaunting cars (horse drawn carts) seemed to be one of the primary modes of transportation in the area.

Killarney is famous for its jaunting cars (horse drawn carts) operated by local Jarvies. You can take a jaunting car ride and a guided tour of the town's attractions offered by the

Jarvies. Randy commented about Karen's challenges of getting into the jaunting car and the helping hand she received from one of the Jarvies.

And...Speaking of Beer...Randy remarked that Guinness seemed to be the beer of choice in the area and he admitted that although it wasn't his beer of choice back here in the states, it had a bit lighter taste over there.

### Queen of Hearts

Dan Burke had the winning ticket...but wait...JOKER. Kevin Harlan went home \$5.00 richer as Dan drew his ticket.

### Upcoming Programs

3/21 Vince Koza on Sports  
3/28 Glenn Hux Growing up in an orphanage in Van Wert

### Upcoming Greeters

3/21 Ali Khokhar  
3/28 Bill Maki

*\*Please note: All Rotarians scheduled to greet, please be in place by 11:30 a.m.*

Our 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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