



## *The Cog*

**Rotary Club No. 3503**  
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**March 28, 2012**

### Call to Order

President Linda Vogel called the meeting to order. Kevin Lawler offered the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Kraig Noble led us in singing "You're a Grand Old Flag." There were no birthdays. Mark Johnson was a guest of Robbie Burke.

### Happy Dollars

Kraig Noble was happy to see Kevin back and visit his new granddaughter Aubrey Rose, Dan Burke for the upcoming induction of two new members and of his daughter's campaign work, Marty Dodrill was looking forward to the speaker and happy about the upcoming United Way of Auglaize County raffle on May 12<sup>th</sup>, Robbie for a chance at the Queen last week, her box of cereal, and fun on trip to Cincinnati last night, Kevin Lawler had \$20 of happiness

that he and Doris were back, and Brad Seitz for his new baby girl. Ellen Hunter put in a happy dollar for "get your hearing tested" month, but unfortunately none of the Rotarians heard her.

### Fines

Jon Hall did the fining today. He fined Mike Makley for not having any high school students at today's meeting to learn about the War of 1812, Frank Klatt for snubbing his table when he arrived, and Tami Sanford for not greeting every person who came to Rotary today. He then quizzed Kraig Noble, Don Hinckley, Dan Burke, Dan Hosek, and Rick Green about the latest issue of "The Rotarian." And finally, he fined everyone who went on the joy ride to Cincinnati last night and didn't get to see a baseball game.

### Announcements

Linda announced that the signage at the Nature Park will be up soon.

The Rotary scholarships will be handed out on May 14<sup>th</sup>.

The District billboard is on display on State Route 66 south of town. It can be seen if traveling north.

Linda and Robbie will be on WCSM Spectrum Radio to promote Rotary awareness. The date and time will be announced soon.

Rotary is teaming with Kroger and will soon have a club ID # so Kroger Plus Card purchases by Rotary members will provide cash back to our club. More details to come at a future meeting

### Induction of New Members

Dan Burke induced two new members today, Susan Crotty and Jason Little. Susan is Manager of Industrial and Community Development, and Jason is Director of Public Service and Safety for St. Marys. We welcome them both to Rotary!

### Program

PE Robbie Burke introduced Bill Huber as our speaker today. He is a local attorney and lifelong resident of St. Marys. He is the author of two books about his family history and is a lecturer on Genealogy at OSU-Lima. Bill became interested in the War of 1812 while researching his family tree.



The War of 1812 had a deep impact on our nation's history. It was our 2<sup>nd</sup> war for independence and is often the "forgotten war." When the war began the United States didn't have any military leaders, no money, and only 8 warships compared to 600 British warships.

During the War of 1812 Harrison made St Marys his headquarters for a period of time. It was called Fort Barbie and approximately 3000 troops were stationed here. The Ohio Historical Society website contains

historical letters documenting Fort Barbie.

Bill discussed many interesting misconceptions of the War of 1812 and provided a fascinating perspective not found in history textbooks.

### Queen of Hearts

Ed Raudabaugh won the drawing but could not find the Queen.

### Upcoming Programs

- 5-9 Jeremy Holtzapple, History of St. Marys
- 5-16 Rick Gerdeman, Electricity and Renewable Energy
- 5-23 Milt Miller, update on Grand Lake St. Marys
- 5-30 Sue Pittman, College Community Arts Council
- 6-6 NO LUNCH MEETING
- 6-7 Rotary Annual Banquet

### Upcoming Greeters

- 5-9 Karl Dammeyer
- 5-16 Don Hinckley
- 5-23 Rick Green

*\*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?