



*The Cog*

**Rotary Club No. 3503**  
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**June 13, 2012**

### Call to Order

President Linda Vogel called the meeting to order. Bill Maki offered the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Jeff Squire led us in singing "You're a Grand Old Flag" in honor of today's program. There were two birthdays today. We sang Happy Birthday to Rick Gerdeman and Kelli Kill.

### Guests

Mike Burkholder from the Evening Leader and Kate Malongowski from the Lima News were our guests today.

### Happy Dollars

Linda Vogel, Robbie Burke, Mike Makley, Jeff Vosler, Sandy Gerdeman, Randy Elsass, Rick Green, Ed Pierce, Keith Fledderjohann were all happy today.

### Special Recognition

Rick Green took a moment to recognize fellow Rotarians who were unable to make the Annual Banquet last week. These individuals received their Paul Harris Fellowships for 2012.

- Gary Newton
- Alex & Sue Pittman
- Ed Raudabaugh

### Fines

Randy Elsass was our finer today. His victims included Ed Pierce, Sandy Gerdeman, Sue Pittman, Ken Strickland and Rick Green. Randy had a couple of group fines as well...no one got away clean except for Linda Haines who was the only person sitting at Randy's table making her exempt from all fines today.

### Announcements

Linda read thank you letters received from Ann Larger at Grand Lake Health System and from Linda Haines from Grand Lake Hospice for Rotary's support.

The new Sunshine Playground dedication ceremony is coming up this Saturday June 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am.

The MESA Bike Tour ends this week. Our club donated \$1,000 toward this effort.

Linda announced that \$300 was donated by the club to the Fallen Hero's project.

The Summer Concert Series begins this Sunday with Blue Grass music in the park.

For the benefit of those who missed the annual banquet, and to again recognize him for his dedication to Rotary, Linda read the proclamation naming Randy Elsass as the recipient

of the Rotary's Lifetime Achievement Award for 2012.

Dues are WAY PAST DUE...Please Pay your dues!

### Program

Robbie introduced our speaker Don Regula. Don shared an update on the state of the County and spoke about and shared pictures of the renovation under way at the Auglaize County Courthouse.



Sales Tax income was up 8% through the 1<sup>st</sup> four months of 2012. Total revenue for the county surpassed 2008's collections was over 2010's amount by 9.8%. Don noted that 2008 was by far the best year the county had seen in terms of revenue collected. This means that 2011 was definitely a turn around for the county!

The unemployment rate in Auglaize was the second lowest in Ohio with Mercer County having the lowest rate.

The Auglaize County Airport is getting a new terminal which should be completed sometime in 2015. Approximately 90% of the funding for this project will come from federal funds.

The Auglaize County Home is currently at 70% of capacity and has a new administrator.

Mike Hensley has replaced Joe Lenhart as County Administrator. Joe retired earlier this year.

Don spent the balance of his presentation sharing pictures of the 8.3 million dollar renovations at the Auglaize County Courthouse. He noted that 1.3 million of the total was funded through grants obtained by the county.

### Queen of Hearts

Jeff Squire won the weekly drawing today taking home \$10.00, but alas...the Queen eluded his grasp.

### Upcoming Programs

- 6-20 At Otterbein's new Life Enrichment Center
- 6-27 Frank Klatt -US Space Program Update
- 6-13 Don Regula-Courthouse Update

### Upcoming Greeters

- 6-20 Dan Burke
- 6-27 Frank Klatt

*\*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?