



The Cog

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Call to Order

President Robbie Burke called the meeting to order. Kathy Sampson offered the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Jeff Squire led us in singing "Wait til the Sun Shines Nellie." There were no birthdays.

Happy Dollars

Robbie Burke, Jeff Squire, Marty Dodrill, Ed Raudabaugh, Kraig Noble, Jason Little, Tami Sanford, Sue Pittman, Ellen Hunter, Lorraine Fischio, Randy Elssass, Alex Pittman, Linda Haines, Frank Klatt.

Fines

Sandy Gerdeman was our finer today. She fined us with Dog Trivia. Some of the questions she asked: most popular breed, most popular

names, silly things owners do for their dogs such as leaving messages on answering machine for their pups when they are away (people actually do that?!) and the best dog breed in the world according to Sandy Gerdeman-which, of course, is the German Shepard! Today's victims were Mark Ashman, Jeff Squire, Trisha Barnes, Tami Sanford, Sue Pittman, Tim Dicke, Randy Elssass, Mike Makley, Jon Hall, Allen Baskett, and Marty Dodrill.

Announcements

John Wale conducted the Hog Raffle. This year's winners are The St Marys Living Center and Sue Pittman! Sue has won the raffle 3 times in the last 4 years!

The Rotary Summer Concert Series finale is August 26th @ 7p.m. at the St Marys Memorial High School Performing Arts Center, featuring the Lima Area Concert Band with our very own Jeff Squire as soloist.

Please pay your dues.....

Program

President-Elect Dan Burke introduced today's speaker Cheryl Bellamy. This summer Cheryl received her Bachelors degree from Wright State University and was a member of the Organizational Leadership Graduating Class of 2012. She was here today to speak about the East Bank Dog Park Project.

The East Bank Dog Park will provide dogs a safe, fenced in area to

meet other dogs, and for all to socialize. The dog park is a combined effort of the Grand Lake State Park, the City of St Marys, and the Organizational Leadership class.

The OL class has been very active in raising money for the project. They have mailed over 100 pledge forms to businesses seeking donations and conducted follow up calls. Also, the class passed out fliers to shoppers at Kroger's to build awareness and find support for the dog park. This effort has raised \$2,000 in donations to date.

The OL class will design the layout of the park, clear the branches and stumps, and prepare the land for the fence installation. Cheryl showed us ideas for the agility equipment and an overall layout of the park. The OL class only lasted 5 weeks and ended in mid-July, however, half of the classmates have committed to volunteering until the park is complete.



The City of St Marys has agreed to purchase the fencing material needed and cover the installation. This is the bulk of the expense of the project. The fencing cost approximately \$10,000. The city also

covered the installation of a water line for \$1,000.

The State Park has agreed to provide the land for the dog park and will provide the continual maintenance required.

Queen of Hearts

Joe Burke won the drawing today, but the Queen still lives.

Upcoming Programs

- 8-15 Lynne Taylor-Freedom101:Dealing with Confinement
- 8-22 Andy Lynch-WTLW/WOSN Sports
- 8-29 Greg Phillips-MHS Football Coach
- 9-5 Kevin Harlan-Grand Lake Health Services Update

Upcoming Greeters

- 8-15 Sue Pittman
- 8/22 Ed Raudabaugh
- 8/29 Derek Vogel
- 9/5 Trisha Barnes

**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?