



## *The Cog*

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### Call to Order

President Robbie called the meeting to order. Bill Maki offered the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Jeff Squire led us in singing "All Hail to Rotary." We also sang "Happy Birthday" to Gary Newton. Rick Green announced that our two guests were Shawn Brown, new superintendent of St. Marys City Schools, guest of Mike Makley. Our speaker was also a guest.

### Happy Dollars

Bill Maki, Susan Crotty, Don Hinckley, Lorraine Fischio, Keith Fledderjohann, Marty Dodrill, Kraig Noble, Jim Heinrich, Jeff Squire, Tami Sanford, Dan Burke, Paige Canfield.

### Fines

Randy Elsass led with a few current events questions: editor of "Cosmo" that died recently? Don Hinckley did not know Helen G. Brown. The actual name of one of the sweatshops? – Kevin Lawler missed

it. Jeff Squire, Tami Sanford, Dan Hosek and Mike Makley got some interesting questions about Slovenia (exports and location on what body of water etc.). Also group fines included: anyone without Archie Griffin tickets – 50cents; anyone who did not work the beer tent at Summerfest, anyone who hasn't been to Slovenia.

### Announcements

- Robbie thanked Jeff for updating the Rotary page and Kimberli (Rompilla) Glass for helping with the Facebook page.
- The visit of the district governor will be on September 19, NOT the previous date of September 12.
- Gary Newton announced that two important Rotary events will take place on September 8:

9:00 at Lima Civic Center – a job fair for Rotary District 6600 to fill positions needed in Rotary.

9:30a.m. – Lima Civic Center will have a workshop to explain "Future-Vision Plan," how grants will be formulated and submitted in Rotary beginning in 2013. Our club does need a representative to be in attendance!

- Our club received a nice "thank you" letter from Ryan Wendel, a recent scholarship recipient.

### Program

President-Elect Dan Burke introduced our speaker Lynne Taylor. Lynne became a practitioner in the Life Skills and Personal Growth field in 1986. She moved back to St. Marys in 1999.

Beginning her work with inmates, she was contacted and asked to do some programming for 25-30 male prisoners in Southern Indiana. While concerned at first, she found the inmates very receptive to the

sessions and she learned more about prison and those who are incarcerated.

Lynne found that 50% of prisoners are those convicted of drug-related charges. She found that many needed parenting skills, help with handling money, an ability to communicate honestly, and also deal effectively with mental health issues. She estimated that 7.1 million are involved with the justice system in America, including three million incarcerated and four million on parole.



Taylor's life skill sessions with inmates typically occur over several evenings. The first session discusses fears and barriers in the lives of the inmates. Lynne and students look for patterns during the discussion. The next evening deals with the dreams the inmates have for their own lives and their futures, and how they can forgive others as well as themselves. They also do an activity that focuses on winning – how can a problem or issue turn into a win-win situation for all concerned? There is much discussion of trust; music and relaxation techniques help relieve feelings of tension.

An activity was attempted with those in attendance at our Rotary meeting as well. In two minutes, we attempted to give or receive as many hugs as possible. (There were no knife fights or gunshots©.) While prisoners are not allowed to physically touch, they look into each other's eyes and try to focus on the concept of trust.

Many stories were very sad. There are 650,000 incarcerated that serve their time and are released each year. One of these began his criminal career cooking meth as a ten-year-old, trying to support younger brothers and sisters. [His parents had been arrested.] By age 19, he had been arrested over fifty times!

Lynne Taylor's work is funded through private donations and takes place in northern Kentucky and Indiana currently. She invited any Rotarian to be an attendee along with inmates! While Lynne feels that the life skills teaching is helpful, a follow-up recidivism study is being conducted to quantify the program's effectiveness.

### Queen of Hearts

Ed Randabaugh announced that today's drawing was worth \$11.00, but the Queen was worth \$600.00. Dick Hudson won the drawing, but Her Majesty escaped!

### Upcoming Programs

- 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

- 8/22 Ed Randabaugh
- 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?

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