

The Cog

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Call to Order

President Robbie called the meeting to order. Susan Pittman offered the invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Kraig Noble upheld a long-standing club tradition and led us in a rousing version of "Our Boys Will Shine." Gary Newton welcomed our guests Kurt Meier, a visiting Rotarian from the Sidney Club; Greg Phillips, St. Marys Head Football Coach; and Candace Dicke.

Happy Dollars

There was much happiness this week. President Robbie was happy for many things, including the delivery of the ultrasound machine to the MESA Warehouse in Findlay (with special thanks to Doug Moran of Moran Refrigeration for his help) and for attending the Lima Area Concert Band performance. She congratulated Rotarian Jeff Squire on his great solo. Other happy Rotarians: Jeff S. for Rotarians attending the concert, Susan P. for winning a pig, Mike Makley that Shawn would be inducted today, Kraig that he would be visiting his granddaughter in TX (and he challenged 'Bama fan Shawn to a \$5

Happy Dollar bet on the upcoming Michigan game), Trisha Barnes for giving her first Happy Dollar and that Kathy Sampson drew the joker last week, Kevin Harlan that Linda Vogel was absent last week which avoided excessive sobbing, Kathy S. that the Club is now in the Kroger Rewards Program (see her for details), Tim Dicke that Candi's niece-in-law is currently competing in the Paralympic Games in London in the 100-meter dash, and Susan Crotty for selling her house. Jim Heinrich announced the memorial service held for Neil Armstrong tonight. Don Hinckley says "Roll Tide!"

Fines

Rick Gerdeman handed out fines. He first fined Kraig for dissing OSU. Go Bucks! Keith F., Scott Ross, and Kathy S. were fined for badge violations. Rick then covered a variety of topics including Roughriders & coaches, political conventions, hurricanes, the Big 10 (YAY!), and lunar landings. Dan Hosek, Gary Newton, Mike M., Allen Baskett, and Marty Dodrill escaped fines. Susan P., Tami Sanford, Alex Pittman, Don Hinckley, Jim H., and Jason Little need to brush up on their trivia. Mick Teman forgot poor Michael Collins (everyone does.) Rick also fined any Rotarian who hasn't set foot on the moon.

Announcements

President Robbie announced that there will be a board meeting at 10:45 am on Sept. 5. The Job Fair in Lima is on Sept. 8, entitled Future Vision Plans, focusing on how grants are written. The Club visit with DG Bob Vincent is on Sept. 19 and ***President Robbie encourages all members to attend.*** Events are on our website at: <http://stmarysrotary.org>.

To honor Neil Armstrong, Frank Klatt read passages from an interview with Mr. Armstrong taken as part of a Johnson Space Center oral history project. Frank and Mr. Armstrong were both members of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics. The interview illustrates how humble and gracious Mr. Armstrong was, and according to Frank it describes his essence.

Mr. Armstrong credited the many men and women who had worked at the Space Center, saying you win when you have people who are interested in, dedicated to, and fascinated by the job they are doing.

Induction

President Elect Dan Burke welcomed into Club membership Shawn Brown, who was proposed as a new member by Mike Makley. Shawn is the new Superintendent of the St. Marys City School District, coming here after serving as the High School Principal in Spencerville. **Welcome, Shawn!**

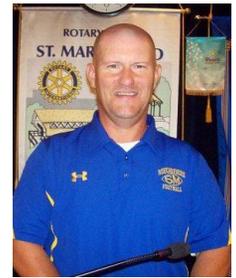


Program

President Elect Dan introduced today's speaker St. Marys Varsity Head Football Coach Greg Phillips, who provided us with a highlight of the Rotary year - a discussion about the upcoming football season. Greg is starting his second season as St. Marys' coach, and can't believe he has been here over a year. He recently helped to start a flag football team in town, and the interest far exceeded the organizers' hopes. 96 kids registered to play this year. Coach Phillips thinks this level of interest bodes well for the future of the high school football program. There are now approximately 331 kids in St. Marys playing football (double the number over last year) and with strong numbers of players expected to move up soon from the 8th & 9th grades Coach Phillips has high hopes for the future of the program. Future players will help expand the depth of the roster soon.

The Coach admitted he has experienced some disappointment over the past year. He commented how coaches never focus on the wins and always remember the losses.

Coach Phillips said he tries to instill strong values in the players and stresses the importance of education. He has received many good reports about his players and is proud of their community involvement. He told Rotarians to be sure to contact him or the AD Doug Spencer if anyone needs help from strong guys. Kraig mentioned that the football players had helped clean up the cemetery from storm damage a few months ago. Ed Noble also commended the players for helping the Goodfellows out every year at Christmas time.



The Coach discussed the difficulty of facing teams that use a spread offense. He expects Kenton to have a good team this year, and predicts the winner in the league could have 1-2 losses. He has no doubts that we will have winning seasons ahead!

Queen of Hearts

Beth Noneman won the drawing but she was gone.

Upcoming Programs

- 9-5 Bryan Bucklew, Greater Dayton Area Hospital Association
- 9-12 Bill Wollpert, Goose Busters
- 9-19 Bob Vincent, District Governor
- 9-26 Lisa Timmerman, American Egg Board

**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?