



### *The Cog*

**Rotary Club No. 3503**  
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**September 5, 2012**

### Call to Order

President Robbie Burke called the meeting to order. Sue Pittman offered the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Jeff Squire led the singing of "Wait 'til the Sun Shines Nellie" and we sang "Happy Birthday" to Dick Hudson. We had several guests from the hospital to hear today's speaker.

### Happy Dollars

Linda Haines was happy for the hospital guests today, Pres. Robbie for Joey Votto's return to the Reds, Kathy Sampson for the Kroger's reward program being up and running, Marty Dodrill for West Virginia's big offense, Randy Elsass for OSU and 34 years of marriage, Ellen Adams for becoming a God Mother in NYC, and Kevin Harlan for the hospital guests and for our

speaker. Kraig Noble paid up his ill-conceived bet for Michigan football.

### Fines

Ellen did the fining today. She fined Susan Crotty for forgetting to bring the hard copy of the Cog today, Kelly Kill, Kathy Sampson and Lorainne Fischio for sitting in the back when empty tables were closer, and then pretty much everyone else for missing New York City trivia questions.

### Board Report

Marty Dodrill gave a report from today's Board meeting. He announced that the Halloween Parade will be October 23, that if you sign up for with Kroger you can get a percentage of your purchases credited back to the club, and that we will not be serving beer next year at Summerfest. New fund raising opportunities are being reviewed.

### Announcements

There is a District job fair and Future Visions Overview on September 8<sup>th</sup>.

DG Bob Vincent will be visiting our club on September 19<sup>th</sup>. Please bring a friend so we make sure we have good attendance.

### Program

PE Dan Burke introduced Brian Bucklew, President and CEO of the Greater Dayton Area Hospital Association. GDAHA is a member service organization serving its 27 member hospitals in the Greater Dayton area, including our own JTDMH.

His job includes informing and educating elected officials to understand how health care legislation affects the hospital providers. He has to break it down to economic impact for the legislators to understand the real world results of some of the policies introduced into law. The member hospitals directly employ over 31,000 people in our region alone, and the combined impact is greater than that of Wright Patterson Air Force Base.

Over seventy-five percent of the hospital patients in our region are on Medicare or Medicaid and that really removes free market forces from the market. Our region also does not have any public health hospitals which impacts research and sub-specialties. His group is trying to ensure that we do not have to go out of the service area to receive needed medical care. We are competing with Cleveland/Columbus/Cincinnati/Indianapolis for those services.



Brian also talked about the new Health Care Reform legislation. His biggest concern is that over half of the rules to support that legislation have yet to be written. He doesn't know what will happen and his members can't really plan until the unknowns

become known. At the start, expect higher costs and concerns about limits to access. Reform of the system is very complicated because all the players do not have the same incentives. Patients, providers, insurers and the government do not have a unified vision of how to better the system.

### Proposed New Members

Brad Bartlett, Kendra Ferrall, and Marlin Yost have been proposed as new members. Please contact a Board Member if you have any questions.

### Queen of Hearts

Kathy Sampson won the daily drawing but the Queen lives.

### Upcoming Programs

- 9-12 Bill Wollpert, Goose Busters
- 9-19 Bob Vincent, District Governor
- 9-26 Lisa Timmerman, American Egg Board

### Upcoming Greeters

- 9-12 Rick Green
- 9-19 Ed Pierce
- 9-26 Susan Crotty

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?