



**The Cog**

**Rotary Club No. 3503**  
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*September 12, 2012*

**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 "All Hail to Rotary." Our guests were Jan Heinrich, Hodge Drake, and 5 members of the St Marys Memorial High School Class of 2013. Ron Gorby, Brent Miller and Joey Votto have birthdays this week. After singing happy birthday, Robby informed us that she would hand deliver Joey's flower.....

**Happy Dollars**

Robbie Burke, Don Hinckley, Dan Hosek, Tim Dicke, Bill Maki, Karl Dammeyer, Kraig Noble, and Ed Pierce were happy today.

**Fines**

Bill Maki was our finer today. Jeff Squire, Randy Elsass, Rick

Green, Tami Sanford, and Kevin Harlan were fined for incorrectly answering questions about the recent embassy attack. In honor of our program, Bill quizzed John Wale, Jon Hall, and Mike Makley on goose facts. As a group fine, Bill charged anyone who hasn't recently been to the world trade center, forgot to wear their badge, or didn't bring a guest to rotary was fined.

**Announcements**

Next week District Governor Bob Vincent and his wife Dinah will be visiting our club. Please bring a friend so we make sure we have good attendance.

Please pay your dues.....

**Program**

President-Elect Dan Burke introduced today's speaker Bill Wollpert of Goosebusters. Bill was the 3<sup>rd</sup> key employee of the company and has been with Goosebusters since 2005. Goosebusters is located in Centerville and service the Columbus, Dayton, Cincinnati, and St Marys area. They are committed to providing the most efficient, humane, and practical solutions to your Canadian geese problem. Goose control services are often used by schools, parks, office areas, residential communities, and golf courses.

Canadian geese were reportedly extirpated from Ohio at the end of the Civil War. In 1956, the Ohio Division of Wildlife initiated a giant Canadian goose restoration program. Twenty years later Canadian geese were found in 49 Ohio counties with a state population of 18,000. Today goose

nests have been found in all 88 counties and the goose population is estimated to be 84,000. This rapid goose growth can cause problems.

One of the most noticeable problems is goose droppings. One goose produces 1 to 3lbs of droppings every day! Goose droppings can carry e-coli bacteria and can create bacteria and algae problems in bodies of water. Also they can damage 5 square feet of turf daily and eat up to 3lbs of grass per day.



Geese are territorial birds and will not hesitate to protect their nest. An aggressive adult goose can easily knock down a child or senior citizen. Geese can fly up to 50mph and have been known to charge and hit humans in the face.

So if you have a Goose problem, who ya gonna call? Goosebusters!



The Goosebusters will make daily visits to the goose problem area to scare them away. Goosebusters use highly trained Labrador Retrievers and

Border Collies. The Collies will herd the geese on the property and then the Labradors charge at the geese to scare them away. Goosebusters do have other techniques to use as well, one being an all-natural grape spray that geese despise. Eventually the geese will get the idea that they are not welcome.

**Queen of Hearts**

Tami Sanford won the drawing today, but the Queen still lives.

**Upcoming Programs**

- 9-19 DG Bob Vincent
- 9-26 Lisa Timmerman,  
American Egg Board
- 10-3 Anne Larger, Auglaize Co  
United Way Campaign
- 10-10 Tony Burkley/Pete  
Schlegel Debate

**Upcoming Greeters**

- 9-19 Ed Pierce
- 9-26 Susan Crotty
- 10-3 Alex Pittman
- 10-10 Jason Little

*\*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?