



The Cog

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Call to Order

President Robbie Burke called the meeting to order. Allen Baskett offered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Kraig Noble led us in the song, "Old McDonald Had A Farm". Our only guest today was Aaron Adams, Husband of and guest of Ellen Hunter.

Happy Dollars

Robbie Burke, Dan Burke, Rick Gerdeman, Ellen Hunter, Kraig Noble, and Tami Sanford were all Happy Rotarians today.



Frank Klatt had an unhappy dollar today declaring his frustrations with the NFL and

its substitute officials...guess who he was rooting for?

Fines

Randy Elsass was our Fine Master today. His victims included Tim Dicke, Dan Burke, Mike Makley, Susan Pittman, Frank Klatt, Susan Crotty, Joe Burke, Carl Dammeyer, Marty Dodrill, and Dan Hosek. Group fines included anyone who did not have tickets to the OSU-Michigan Game and anyone who's office had not been audited this week.

Announcements

- The Club received letters from students and teachers at Holy Rosary School thanking our club for the donation of the Dictionary's.
- Our club also received an invitation to the Van Wert Rotary Club meeting on Saturday, October 13th...See Robbie Burke for details.
- Local artistic talent is on display at Art's Place provided by Otterbein St Marys.
- With the 2012 Election coming up in November, we have scheduled a debate at our October 10th meeting so plan on arriving early. Lunch will be served at 11:30 am and the debate will begin at Noon.
- Mark your calendar for the Annual Rotary Halloween Parade on Tuesday, October 23rd. Dan will be sending out Parade Assignments next week.
- There is a board meeting scheduled for next week before our regular Rotary Club meeting.

Program

Robbie Burke introduced President Elect Dan Burke who introduced our guest speaker Lisa Timmerman from the American Egg Board. Lisa works at Cooper Farms and specializes in Food Production and Animal Agriculture.

Since 1938 Cooper Farms has taken pride in providing safe and humane environments for its animals. Cooper Farms cares about the safety, welfare and health of its animals and its neighbors.

Cooper Farms is an active participant in the Grand Lake Watershed and Lake Restoration efforts.



A lot has changed since 1938, when Virgil and Virginia Cooper founded Cooper Farms. And while the numbers are larger and the processes are different, the core dedication to family, farm and pride remains the same.

All divisions operate under a philosophy of thinking outlined in our Certified Animal Raising and Environmental System (CARES). Cooper Farms CARES is about more than caring, however, it is about taking action in order to raise the highest quality, healthy animals and being good stewards to the environment.

Cooper Farms is committed to being a good neighbor in all communities where they are located. Taking care of nature and the land will ensure healthy environments for their animals, team members and communities where they live and do business.

To this day, Cooper Farms is family owned and operated. However; every member of their 1,400 person team is a part of the family. Each of these individuals plays an integral role in the success of the company on a day-to-day basis.

The importance of family becomes even more noticeable when looking at the nearly 300 family contract farmers who help to raise Cooper Farms' turkeys, hogs and chickens. While Cooper farms produces eggs, those eggs are processed at other partner locations. The relationship between these families and Cooper Farms is cooperative, helping the famers support their families and Cooper Farms provide the country with high quality food.

Queen of Hearts

Joe Burke thought he was going to be the lucky one today when his ticket was drawn for a shot at the Queen. But...alas... the Queen lives on for another week.

Upcoming Programs

- 10/3 Anne Larger, Auglaize Co United Way Campaign
- 10/10 Tony Burkley/ Pete Schlegel Debate
- 10/17 Galen Cisco Award Program
- 10/24 Rep. Jim Jordan
- 10/31 Rick Green – Rotary Foundation Program

Upcoming Greeters

- 10/3 Alex Pittman
- 10/10 Jason Little
- 10/17 Paige Canfield
- 10/24 Kraig Noble
- 10/31 Gary Newton

**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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