

The Cog

Rotary Club No. 3503 P. O. Box 544, St. Marys, OH 45885. www.stmarysrotary.org October 17, 2012

Call to Order

President Robbie Burke Called the meeting to order. Kathy Sampson offered the prayer. Kraig Noble led us in singing "Take Me Out to the Ballgame." Guests were Drew Jacobs, winner of the Galen Cisco Award for 2012, as well as Kevin Jacobs and Kris Jacobs. Also Brian Engel, guest of Rick Green, and Ron Meyer, guest of Kathy Sampson. There were four birthdays, but only Rick Green was in attendance, so we sang for him.

Happy Dollars

Robbie Burke, Susan H. Pittman, Rick Green, Dan Burke, Lorraine Fischio, Scott Ross, Randy Elsass.

Fines

Jon Hall was the fine meister. He fined Robbie Burke, Scott Ross, and Keith Fledderjohann; anyone who watched the debate last night (@50 cents); anyone who has voted early (@50 cents). Also Kathy Sampson (for knowing that four teams are in the baseball playoffs); Ellen Hunter and Susan Pittman (failing to name all four of

those teams); Mike Makley (who had best record in baseball); anyone who has not gone to a major league game yet this season - (@\$1.00).

Announcements

- "Thank you" notes were received from many third graders who were given dictionaries.
- No mulching of the Historic Walking Trail will take place until further notice.
- Keith Fledderjohann asked that everyone pay their dues and/or other charges.
- Joe Burke again reminded members that next Tuesday, October 23, is the Halloween Parade. Please be in the Community Library parking lot by 5:00 p.m.Judging is 5:30 p.m. and at 6:00 p.m. the parade begins.

Program

Dan Burke introduced our speaker Galen Cisco. An honorary Rotarian, Galen was on hand to present the annual Galen Cisco Award, this year to young Drew Jacobs. Galen spent many years, first as a player and then as a pitching coach. He holds three "World Series" rings.



Galen remembers that 15 years ago, he

hoped that he could make at least 50 Cisco Award presentations; He is approaching that number, as 2012 is the 47th Cisco Award presentation and he has had an unbelievable career. Although he pitched in almost 200 games in the course of his seven-year major league career, his other contributions are even greater as a pitching coach. He played for the St. Marys Roughriders, the Ohio State Buckeyes (and legendary Woody Hayes). In 1958, he was signed by the Red Sox, a struggling team at the time, and in 1962 was picked up by the New York Mets, playing for Casey Stengel.

In spite of remarkable improvements. especially against mound opponents like Gaylord Perry, and praise from Stengel, he went to the minors and was sent back to the Red Sox in June 1966. He pitched in 11 games for the 1967 "Impossible Dream" Red Sox. However, it was again back to the minors, and in 1968 was sent to the expansion Kansas City Royals. In 1971 and still young, he became pitching coach for Kansas City. In 1987, the Toronto Blue Jays brought him in as pitching coach and he led the pitching during the 1992-93 years and back-to-back World Series wins. In 1997, he accepted a post as pitching coach of the Philadelphia Phillies and led them to their first World Series win in 86 years in 2004.

With the baseball playoffs happening, Galen admitted he hoped Detroit could win, although the Yankees should be scoring higher. He predicted that Derek Jeter will be a first ballot Hall of Famer. Also, A-Rod is not down and out yet, and Joey Votto is the most versatile hitter. Galen was also there for two moments of baseball history - when Roger Maris beat

Babe Ruth's record of 60 home runs and when Pete Rose beat Ty Cobb's career hit record.

Drew Jacobs has an impressive record also. During the past season, he didn't strike out once. His batting average was .550-.600 and he struck out two batters per inning. Galen was paid \$7,000 his first year in pro baseball, but Drew can look forward to many times that if he becomes a professional.

Queen of Hearts

Beth Noneman announced that the winning amount for today was \$42.00 with 18 cards and three jokers. Jeff Squire won the drawing, but not the Queen!

Upcoming Programs

10/24 Rep. Jim Jordan 10/31 Rick Green - Rotary Foundation

Upcoming Greeters

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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