



**The Cog**  
**Rotary Club No. 3503**  
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**November 7, 2012**

#### Call to Order

President Robbie Burke called the meeting to order. Susan Pittman offered the prayer. Jeff Squire led us in "All Hail to Rotary." Eric Ostling attended as a guest of Kraig Noble and Ron Meyer was a guest of Kathy Sampson. Both Trisha Barnes and Frank Klatt had birthdays, but only Frank was present, so we sang "Happy Birthday" to him.

#### Happy Dollars

Robbie Burke, Jeff Squire, Mike Makley, Marty Dodrill, Rick Green, Kevin Harlan, Dan Burke, Kathy Sampson. Kathy also announced that an "After Hours" event will take place at Beer Barrel on Tuesday, November 13.

#### Fines

Pastor Bill Maki was today's finer. He gave Ken Strickland "exempt" status for today. However, others were not so lucky as he read Presidential Trivia questions. Victims included Rick Green, Jim Heinrich, Mark Ashman, Kathy Sampson, Mike Makley, Dick Hudson, Kraig Noble, Scott Ross, Ron Gorby, Pat Cogan. Also the group fine was 50 cents if your candidate

lost the election, but, in an attempt to redistribute the wealth, the winners needed to also contribute 50 cents.

#### Announcements

President Robbie read a "thank you" from Paige Canfield, who recently had surgery and received "best wishes" from all of us.

Marty Dodrill gave a report on today's Rotary Board meeting. Mark Ashman and Alex Pittman are trying to get interested students at Lake Campus involved in Rotaract. Those taking part in the Halloween Parade should be only Rotarians; this year, another organization stealthily joined in. All Rotarians should sign up on Kroger.com to ensure that a percentage is contributed to Rotary; anyone with questions should contact Keith. The mulching project is postponed until Spring. Also, the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner for St. Marys Rotary Club will take place February 25. Finally, six new members will be inducted shortly.

#### Program

President-elect Dan Burke introduced today's speaker Sonnie Bernardi who gave an informative program on organ donation, as well as special guests Lynn Shaffer and his wife Chris, who told their personal accounts of Lynn's receipt of a liver transplant.

(Sonnie provided biographical information as follows:)

Sondra (Sonnie) was born and raised in St. Marys. After graduating from memorial High School, she attended Miami Valley Hospital School of Nursing and received a bachelor's in Healthcare Administration and later an MBA. While she has worked primarily in the Dayton area as an oncologist and healthcare quality manager, she and her husband relocated to our area as the Performance Improvement Manager

at JTDM Hospital. She also serves as liaison between the hospital and Life Connection of Ohio, the federally-certified organ procurement organization serving NW and West Central Ohio.

Please visit [www.DonateLifeOhio.org](http://www.DonateLifeOhio.org) for more information about all aspects of organ donation.



Sonnie provided some sobering statistics. Nationwide 113,000 people are waiting on organs and 18 people die daily because not enough organs are available. In Ohio, 3,400 people are waiting for a transplant. Also, organs and tissues are matched carefully through the United Network for Organ Sharing which follows strict federal guidelines. You can become a donor at any age and regardless of any medical conditions. Almost all religions support the concept of organ donation. There is never a charge to a donor or family of a donor. No wealthy or famous patient can benefit in receiving an organ before those of modest means.

Special guest Lynn Shaffer told of his struggle with non-alcohol cirrhosis of the liver which eventually required transplantation in 2010. Lynn worried if he would receive a liver in time but he did and made a complete recovery within 20 days of the transplant. He and his wife may meet the family of the organ donor in the future.

Chris, Lynn's wife, spoke with much emotion about her fears over the several years of Lynn's illness and eventual recovery. She mentioned that Rotary's Four-Way Test is a model for life and encouraged club members to consider organ or tissue donation so many parents and grandparents can spend additional years with their loved ones.

#### Queen of Hearts

Joe Burke announced that the drawing was worth \$65.00 today, but the Queen was worth \$1,090.00. John Wale won the drawing, but NOT the Queen.

#### Proposed New Members

Ron Meyer  
Aaron Adams  
Eric Ostling  
Sondra Bernardi, proposed for membership by Dan Burke

#### Upcoming Programs

11/14 Paul Joseph, Veteran's Day  
11/21 Ryan Wendel, Eagle Scout

#### Upcoming Greeters

11/14 Ellen Hunter  
11/21 Tanya Temple

*\*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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