



The Cog

Rotary Club No. 3503
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Call to Order

President Robbie Burke called the meeting to order. Kathy Sampson offered the prayer. Kraig Noble led us in "All Hail to Rotary." We had three fellow Rotarians celebrating birthdays today. Karl Dammeyer, Linda Haines, and Jon Hall each received their Birthday Rose compliments of Paige Canfield and "A Bit of Nature". Our visiting Rotarians today included J.R. Mustard from Celina and Bob Rucker from Lima. We also welcomed 6 seniors from Memorial High School as our guests today.

Happy Dollars

Robbie Burke, Jeff Squire, Marty Dodrill, Kraig Noble, Susan Crotty, Sue Pittman, Rick Gerdeman, John Wale, a Silent Frank Klatt, Jim Heinrich, Sandy Gerdeman, Jon Hall, and Dan Hosek were all Happy Rotarians today.

Fines

Jon Hall was our Fine Master today. His victims included Frank Klatt, Rick Gerdeman, Alex Pittman, Jim Musterd,

and group fines to anyone who bought just one ticket for the Queen today and anyone who bought more than \$5.00 worth of tickets for the Queen today.

Announcements

There will be a meeting next week, but no meeting on the Wednesday after Christmas.

The annual Rotary Christmas Party and Gift Exchange is set for December 12th.



Robbie presented a check from Rotary to Dan Burke for the St Marys High School Band Boosters to help defray costs for trips and other activities of the band.

Program

President-elect Dan Burke introduced today's speaker, Retired First Sergeant who's message today is about our Service Veterans of this great country.

Sergeant Joseph's military honors include The Bronze Star, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Iraqi Campaign Medal, and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal just to name a few.

Paul attended The Ohio State University, Bluffton University, and the Postmaster Academy. He is currently Postmaster at the Celina, Ohio Post Office. Paul is also serving as Military Outreach Coordinator for the employer support of the Guard and Reserve of Northwest Ohio. Paul also serves with the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, Grand Lake St Marys Detachment Flotilla as a crew member, vessel examiner, instructor, and Vice-Flotilla Commander since December of 2011.



Paul is a lifelong resident of Lima, he and his wife of 33 years have two sons who are both veterans with one still on active duty serving with the Air Force.

Paul spoke about why we celebrate Veterans Day...We celebrate to honor the service of men and women in our Armed Forces both past and present. Paul noted that we have troops stationed throughout the world maintaining the peace and insuring our country's interests around the globe.

Paul also spoke about the US Postal Service noting that although it has its financial challenges, it is not going out of business. Changes will be made and neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night will stay these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds!

Paul also spoke about his experience with the Grand Lake St Marys Coast Guard Auxiliary. He said volunteers are always needed and anyone with an interest is welcomed to join.

Queen of Hearts

Today's drawing is worth \$81.00 and the Queen is now worth \$1,176 to the Rotarian who finds her. Alex Pittman had the winning ticket for a shot at the Queen, but alas...no joy for Alex. The Queen lives!

Proposed New Members

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

Upcoming Programs

11/21 Ryan Wendel, Eagle Scout

Upcoming Greeters

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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