



The Cog
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Call to Order

President Robbie Burke called the meeting to order. Bill Maki offered the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Jeff Squire led us in the singing of "Over the River and to the Woods." Guests today included Pam Wendel and Jan Heinrich.

Happy Dollars

Pres. Robbie was happy for a successful board retreat with the Otterbein board, for our guests today and for our new member. Bill Maki was happy for all the blessings this season and for having his 97 year old grandmother moved to New Bremen. Sandy Gerdeman was happy for her son being home for Thanksgiving, Eric Ostling for joining the club, Ellen for her female owned business award and for having another boy, Paige Canfield for her Dad being here for Thanksgiving and for her new foster son, Susan Crotty for her

Dad's successful surgery, and Rick Gerdeman for time spent with his children.

Fines

Rick Gerdeman did the fining. He went around the room and got almost everyone with Thanksgiving and turkey trivia. Ryan Wendel couldn't answer the final football question so everyone was group fined as well.

Announcements

Pres. Robbie reported that we did receive a donation of some fire equipment from the St. Marys Fire Department that we are taking up to MESA.

Sandy Gerdeman announced the Christmas Party for December 12. Plan to wear your Christmas attire as there will be a contest and other games, along with our traditional gift swap.

Induction

Dan Burke inducted our newest member, Eric Ostling, the new St. Marys Director of Public Service and Safety.



Program

PE Dan introduced Ryan Wendel as our speaker today. Ryan is not a stranger to our club, having participated in the World Community workshop, received a Rotary

Scholarship, and worked very hard on the Historic Walking Trail. Ryan is currently a freshman at Capitol University in Columbus majoring in music education with a minor in math. He performs in three large groups at the university and also plays with a bassoon quintet.



Ryan talked with us today about the road to becoming an Eagle Scout. Boy Scouts start when they are 11 and go through many stages in scouting. You have to be a Life Scout for six months, achieve 21 merit badges, and live your life by the principles of the Scout Oath. One of the badges has to be in swimming/hiking/cycling and Ryan apparently sinks. He endured a long, rainy hike to complete that badge. He had to have all 21 merit badges earned before he turned 18, and he had to focus to get the last three in time.

Ryan was worried that he would not find a project that would fulfill the requirement to plan, develop and provide leadership to a project that would be helpful to the community. He ran into Jim Harris who mentioned the Rotary Historic Walking Trail. Ryan took that project on as his own. He designed the trail, organized his troop and with over 130 man hours

they cut the trail, applied landscaping cloth and mulched the path. He was concerned about making Eagle Scout after his board of review but after the 90 minute interview, he was given the honor. Ryan thanked the City and our club for making this honor possible.

Queen of Hearts

Tim Dicke won the drawing but pulled Joker and had to share with Marty Dodrill. The Big Queen lives.

Upcoming Programs

11-28 Visiting Angels
12-5 MHS Basketball
12-12 Christmas Party!!!
12-19 Food Allergies
12-26 NO MEETING

Upcoming Greeters

11-28 Tami Sanford
12-5 Kevin Lawler
12-12 Brad Seitz
12-19 John Wale
12-26 NO MEETING

**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?