



### *The Cog*

**Rotary Club No. 3503**  
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**December 12, 2012**

### Call to Order

President Robbie Burke called the meeting to order on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of the 12<sup>th</sup> month of 2012 at 12:00PM. Allen Baskett offered the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Kraig Noble led the singing of "Deck the Halls, Santa Claus is Coming to Town, and God Rest Ye Merry Gentleman."

### Announcements

Pres. Robbie announced that dues are due and please check with Keith if you have a balance.

Robbie reminded members it's not too late to make a donation to the Rotary Foundation. A letter has been sent to those who have not yet pledged asking for their support.

The next board meeting will be January 9<sup>th</sup>.

Kraig Noble announced Goodfellows would once again be making deliveries to families in need

Christmas Eve. Last year they visited over 300 families in the St Marys Area. We passed the hat during our Christmas party and collected \$311 for Goodfellows. Thank you for your donations!

### Program

Today was our annual Rotary Christmas Party!!!

Rick and Sandy Gerdeman, our hosts and party planners, led us in the gift exchange. There was a 3 steal limit for a gift and John Wale kept a running tab on each one to enforce the rule.



Jeff Squire was the first to choose a gift and unwrapped a bottle of Captain Morgan and gave us The Captain's pose with an "Arrrgh." From there an assortment of liquors and wines were exchanged with a waffle maker, snow globe, and few gift cards mixed in.

Ellen Hunter's gift was a bottle of Maker's Mark that was promptly stolen by Sandy despite Ellen's cry to not steal from the baby. Then Ed Pierce did his civic duty and "saved the children" by stealing a bottle of Jim Beam Black from Ellen.

There were several awards for the most spirited Rotarians. All winners received a bottle of liquor as their prize.

Don Hinckley wore **the Best Christmas Tie and Socks** ensemble. Susan Crotty had the **Most Sparkly**

**Shirt.** And the **Most Overworked/ Underappreciated Award** went to Allen Baskett. Allen spent a lot of time choosing new gifts due to his gifts continuously being stolen.

Hands down Mike Makley had the **Ugliest Sweatshirt.**



**The Best Christmas Hat** was proudly displayed by Frank Klatt.



The program concluded by raffling the table centerpieces. Frank Klatt, Eric Ostling, Robbie Burke, Shawn Brown, Jim Henrich, Ken Strickland, Dan Hosek, Trisha Barnes, Randy Elsass, Kraig Noble, Rick Green, Tim Dicke, and Ellen Hunter took one home.



Thank you Rick and Sandy for throwing a fantastic party!

### Queen of Hearts

Jeff Squire won the 50/50.

### Upcoming Programs

12-19 Food Allergies  
12-26 NO MEETING  
1-2 Susan Crotty  
1-9 Julie Jacobs  
1-16 Angie Molaskey

### Upcoming Greeters

12-19 John Wale  
12-26 NO MEETING  
1-2 Linda Haines  
1-9  
1-16 Sandy Gerdeman

*\*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?