



## *The Cog*

**Rotary Club No. 3503**  
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**January 23, 2013**

### Call to Order

President Robbie Burke called the meeting to order. Susan Pittman offered the prayer. Keith Fledderjohann announced Ron Meyer as a guest of Kathy Sampson; Lydia and Brice Brenneman, parents of today's speaker; and Jan Heinrich, guest of Jim Heinrich. Kraig Noble led us in singing "All Hail to Rotary." There were birthdays for Sandy Gerdeman, Ed Pierce and Kevin Harlan, but they weren't able to join us, so we did not sing "Happy Birthday."

### Happy Dollars

Jeff Squire, Don Hinckley, Karl Dammeyer, Randy Elsass, Kathy Sampson.

### Fines

Bill Maki was the finer. He asked many Inaugural trivia questions and also mentioned that he attended the 1988 Inaugural of Pres. George H. W. Bush and Dan Quayle. His victims included Pat Cogan, Don Hinckley, Susan Pittman, Beth Noneman, Gary Newton, Joe Burke,

and Karl Dammeyer. Group fines included anyone who didn't attend this week's Obama Presidential Inaugural (50 cents) and anyone who has never attended a presidential inaugural (also 50 cents).

### Announcements

- Dan Burke, in preparation for his 2013/14 year as President of our club announced that committee assignment sheets are there for each club member. For those not as familiar with Rotary committees, a detailed description of the committee goals and duties are included, and each member is asked to select two committees on which they would like to serve in 2013/14.

- Don Hinckley announced that "Dueling Pianos" – our club fundraiser – will take place on Saturday, April 27, beginning at 6:00 p.m. with dinner at 7:30 p.m. and entertainment going until 10 p.m. The cost of tickets is \$35.00 each.

- Gary Newton announced that the Rotary District Conference will take place at Put-In-Bay on May 17-19, 2013. He reminded club members that they need to sign up by January 31, which is next Thursday. So far 150 have registered.

- Robbie announced that a "thank you" was received from Jim Beckett for our club's support of Children's Hospital.

- The Celina Rotary will host a St. Patrick's Day Party at the Galleria on March 16, 2013. More information is available on their website: [www.celinarotary.org/](http://www.celinarotary.org/)

- Robbie is calling a brief Rotary Board Meeting directly following today's meeting

- Keith Fledderjohann wants us to know that dues are past due. Please pay today.

### Program

Jonathan Brennemen is working in Hebron, West Bank/Palestine, as part of Christian Peacemaker Teams ([www.cpt.org](http://www.cpt.org)). Their goal is to demonstrate the same resolve as fighting armies do in completing their own (peaceful) mission. They operate in a number of places, but their first mission was Palestine. From the time of the British mandate around World War I, both Arabs and Jews have wanted to settle in Palestine.

Since the British transferred the area to the newly-founded United Nations, there has been conflict. Since 1967 and the Israeli occupation of much of the area, Israeli settlers have sent 500 of their number to Hebron, otherwise settled by 167,000 Palestinians. A friend of Jonathan, a Palestinian lady, had her front door bolted shut because the main street was to be for Israelis only. Jonathan carved a doorway into his apartment so she could exit through the front of the building.



The goal of Christian Peacemaker Teams is to use nonviolent means to oppose oppression – here, the Israeli occupation

which keeps Palestinians from sources of water, electricity, and decent housing. He helps his friend Kalil by monitoring activities of the Israeli military and reports abuses. Kalil wants his children to remain in Hebron and to adopt farming and sheepherding as a way of life. John has spent three months in Palestine and now is on a one-month sabbatical trying to spread awareness of what he and his eleven multi-national peacekeepers are doing there and around the world. He hopes to return and continue his work and improve his fluency in Arabic.

Those wishing to contribute can send their check to Christian Peacemaker Teams, P.O. Box 6508, Chicago, IL 60680.

### Queen of Hearts

Joe Burke announced that the winner of today's drawing will receive \$11.00. Jeff Squire won the drawing, but not the Queen. The Queen lives.

### Upcoming Programs

1-30 Keith Jacobs  
2-6 Jared Ebbing  
2-13 Ken Kline

### Upcoming Greeters

1-30 Kathy Sampson  
2-6 Kevin Harlan  
2-13 Bob Leugers

*\*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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