



The Cog

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Call to Order

President Robbie Burke called the meeting to order. Susan Pittman offered the invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Kathy Sampson welcomed Bev & Joe Hurlburt who were guests of Dan Burke, and our speaker Keith Jacobs. Jeff Squire presented the slate of officers and board members to the members, and ballots were circulated. Kraig Noble led us in a joyful rendition of "Old MacDonald."

Happy Dollars

President Robbie was happy for the turnout for the basketball game, Jeff S. for his chance at the queen, Ron Gorby for the chicken fry that brought in triple the revenue over last year, Keith Fledderjohann in memory of Frank Murray, Linda Haines for our speaker, Lorraine Fischio that their audit is over, and President-Elect Dan for an awesome trip with the Holy Rosary youth group to the Nat'l Right to Life march. Don Hinckley announced he will become a grandparent this September, and Mark Ashman announced that he and his wife are expecting too!

Fines

Randy Elsass handed out fines with verve. He exempted Ellen Hunter for serving as the runner. Marty Dodrill, Allen Baskett, Lorraine F., Susan P., Rick Green, Kathy S., and Don H. all fell victim to fines for missing questions on a variety of trivia related to oceans, rivers, and Valentine's Day. Also, who knew Randy's son once built a 12-foot tall snowman?! President-Elect Dan was fined for arguing with the finer. All fines were levied for not skiing at Mad River Mountain, and not wearing something for Groundhog's and Valentine's Days.

Announcements

President Robbie announced that since next Wednesday, Feb. 6th, is the first Wednesday of the month there will be a board meeting at 10:45 am. Gary Newton reminded everyone about the upcoming District Conference May 17 – 19, 2013 at Put-In-Bay. Early registration ends Feb. 1. The price goes up \$50 after that. The Club will subsidize the cost for members \$100. We only have 5 members signed up so far, even with the subsidy! Elyria offers the same deal and has 23 attendees registered. Sign up now!

Don H. announced that the Dueling Piano Show will be Apr. 27. Doors open at 6 pm, dinner at 6:30, the show runs from 7:30 – 10:30. The cost is \$35/ticket, and it is a fundraiser for the club. Feel free to invite non-Rotarians. Sign up now!

Program

President-Elect Dan introduced today's speaker Keith Jacobs, who organizes Waynestock, a concert that will be held this year on August 17, 2013, at Skip Baughman Memorial Stadium. Keith is a Memorial High School graduate and has attended Wayne Street UMC with his family for many years. St. Marys and his faith are both extremely important to him, and Waynestock allows him to share both. Keith showed us a promotional video for the upcoming event.

Keith said Waynestock started as an idea for a fundraiser for the church, but has evolved into something different and better. The idea for a Christian concert came about in 2011, when Waynestock was first held in July that year. There were approximately 300 attendees. The response was amazing and the event ended up making a modest amount of money for the church. In the second year, he decided to add other charities as recipients of the funds raised. Approximately \$5,500 was raised and split between the Right to Life organization and His Home, an orphanage in Haiti.



Continually trying to think bigger, Keith decided he needed to knock down barriers that would prevent people from attending the event. Knowing that an outdoor event would be more accessible to the public, he worked with the St. Marys School District to get permission to hold the event in the stadium this year in the hopes of developing it into a concert the whole region can enjoy. WBCL in Ft. Wayne is co-sponsoring this year, providing over \$8,000 in free publicity. WTLW 44 in Lima is also supporting the event. Another barrier to attendance is the price of a ticket. Keith hopes to make the concert a free event if he can cover his costs and raise money for charity. Plans this year are to raise funds for The ROC (Resource Opportunity Center) and the West Ohio Food Bank.

The event runs from 2 pm to 10:30 pm, and any food donated will be available. Headliners this year are For King & Country and Citizen

Way, and several other local artists will also play.

Bev & Joe Hurlburt informed members about The ROC and the services it provides. The ROC is located at Spring & Vine, and is a faith-based non-denominational "place of hope" for individuals and families in need. Clients of The ROC will be directed to local, county, and state resources to help them become functional in society and less dependent. The center has only been in existence for four months but already has 26 clients, mostly from the St. Marys area. Clients are provided with information and direction to help them with various needs such as a job search, educational attainment, counseling, and/or finding means to meet basic needs until they can be self-sustaining. The goal is to help clients toward future successes.

Queen of Hearts

Keith Fledderjohann won the drawing but the Queen lives.

Upcoming Programs

- 2-6 Jared Ebbing, Mercer County Development
- 2-13 Ken Cline, Red Cross
- 2-20 Troy Anderson, Auglaize County Homeland Security & Emergency Management

Upcoming Greeters

- 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?