



The Cog

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February 6, 2013

Call to Order

President Robbie Burke called the meeting to order. Randy Elsass offered the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Jeff Squire led the singing of "Rotary, My Rotary" and we sang "Happy Birthday" to Scott Ross. Guests included Steve Smith from the New Bremen/New Knoxville club.

Happy Dollars

Keith Fledderjohann was happy for his chance at the Queen last week, Steve Smith for New Bremen beating St. Henry in basketball, Linda Haines for time with her grandchildren, Allen Baskett (and his wife) for his winning an electronic (and quiet) drum set as a door prize, Karl Dammeyer for letting Scott Ross borrow the lucky Megaball Queen of Hearts and Scott bowling a 802 with it, Sue Pittman for receiving a compliment about the Rotary/Hospice library resource, Tim Dicke for Candi's niece being on a

TV show, Ellen Adams for filling her nanny position, and Rick Gerdeman for Manti T'eo staying off Twitter.

Fines

Rick did the fining today. He fined Kathy Sampson, Allen Baskett, Don Hinckley, Ron Gorby, Rick Green Scott Ross, Joe Burke and Marty Dodrill for not knowing the answers to his or her respective question. He fined everyone who did not see his or her respective shadow on Groundhog Day.

Announcements

President Robbie announced that the officers for next Rotary year will be Pres. Dan Burke, PE Randy Elsass, VP Kathy Sampson, Treas. Keith Fledderjohann and Sec. Don Hinckley. Dan's board will be Mick Teman, Marty Dodrill, Mark Ashman, Susan Crotty, Trisha Barnes and Lorraine Fischio.

Marty gave the board report. Fred Wiswell tendered his resignation. The club has made a pledge of \$5,000, payable over five years, to the JTD MH Ambulatory Care Unit. We will be celebrating our club's 75th anniversary on June 13th.

May 17-19 will be this year's District Conference to be held in Put-in-Bay. If you have never been to a District Conference this will be a fun one. Come help celebrated Bob Vincent's year as DG.

Other important District events include March 8 & 9 for All Ohio Pets and April 13 for the District Assembly.

Ron Gorby announced that Rotary is sponsoring a chicken/fish fry on

February 15, from 4:30 to 7:00. He wants us to do better than the one sponsored by Kiwanis.

Program

VP Gary Newton introduced Jared Ebbing, the Mercer County Economic Development Director. Jared was here to talk about a new initiative to keep the youth of the area in the area. Hometown Opportunity is trying to connect local companies with local talent in Auglaize and Mercer Counties. He has found a disconnect between today's students and their understanding of the career opportunities right here in our area.



Jared has been speaking with schools, counselors and local businesses to help fix that disconnect. We currently have an aging workforce and the only way to encourage future development and maintain what we have is to ensure that our young people get the training and education and return to the area for their careers.

Hometownopportunity.com is a website that is being developed to be a tool to inform job seekers about the opportunities that are available in the area and to let employers have a way to advertise open positions to

prospective employees that already have a connection to our area. He is looking for more Auglaize County content for the website and will be contacting local businesses to expand the offerings. We need to be consistent and constant in our message. He went over the website and asked us all to check it out and like in on Facebook.

Proposed Member

Brad Bartlett was proposed for membership. See Don Hinckley with any questions.

Queen of Hearts

Jeff Squire won the daily drawing but the Queen lives on.

Upcoming Programs

- 2-13 Ken Cline – Red Cross
- 2-20 Troy Anderson – Auglaize County EMA

Upcoming Greeters

- 2-13 Bob Leugers
- 2-20 Lorraine Fischio
- 2-27 Mike Makley
- 3-6 Mick Teman

**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?