



*The Cog*  
**Rotary Club No. 3503**  
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*February 13, 2013*

### Call to Order

President Robbie Burke called the meeting to order. Kathy Sampson offered the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Kraig Noble led us in singing "You're a Grand Ole Flag." Jeff Vossler introduced our guests, Jan Heinrich, St Mary's Memorial High School Seniors, and a special welcome to Rotarian Linda Vogel for joining us this week. Mike Makley, Kathy Sampson, and Bob Luegers celebrated birthdays.

### Happy Dollars

Robbie Burke, Bill Maki, Linda Vogel, Allen Baskett, Jeff Vossler, Kraig Noble

### Fines

Ron Gorby was our finer. Several years ago Kathy Sampson shared an

embarrassing photo of Ron skiing. Well today was payback time. Ron showed many pictures of Kathy over the years in honor of her 50<sup>th</sup> birthday. He quizzed Rotarians on the pictures with Alex Pittman, Kevin Harlan, Dick Hudson, Jeff Vossler, and Pat Cogan paying up. He also fined any Rotarian who was not a member of the Eagles.

### Announcements

Don Hinckley announced the Cincinnati Reds road trip has been scheduled for June 9<sup>th</sup>.

John Wale provided a reminder on April 27<sup>th</sup> the "Dueling Pianos" fundraiser will be at the VFW.

District Assembly will be April 13<sup>th</sup> and the District Conference will be held April 16<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>.

### Program

President Elect Dan Burke introduced Ken Cline as our speaker today. Ken is a lifelong resident of St Marys and graduate of St Marys Memorial. He served for 34 years on the St Marys Fire Dept, 8 of those years as Chief. He retired in 2009 and in 2012 became director of the Auglaize County Red Cross. He was here to discuss his deployment to Manhattan in November in response to Hurricane Sandy.

Ken went to New York as Operations Management for the Red Cross Safe & Well Program. This program was initiated after Katrina. His job was to go into the hardest hit areas and shelters to locate people who had been reported missing after the

storm. For one week he visited all the shelters in Manhattan, Queens, and Staten Island.

During Ken's second week he worked in bulk distribution. He would drive box trucks filled with Red Cross clean up kits (consisting of brooms, bleach, buckets, cleaning supplies, etc.) to neighborhoods to pass out to victims.



Food was scarce following Hurricane Sandy. Many victims went a week without a hot meal. There was a huge medical supply shortage; many folks had trouble getting their maintenance prescriptions and supplies. Gasoline was also scarce. The Red Cross volunteers had to travel 3 to 4 hours out of the city to get gasoline for the Emergency Relief Vehicles.

In response to Hurricane Sandy the Red Cross provided relief in 11 states. The Red Cross activated 300 Emergency Relief Vehicles, mobilized over 15,600 volunteers, served 8.7 million meals, and provided 81,000 overnight stays in shelters for victims.



### Queen of Hearts

Kraig Noble won the weekly drawing but didn't find the Queen of Hearts.

### Upcoming Programs

- 2-20 Troy Anderson-Auglaize Co. Homeland Security
- 2-27 Susan Stevens- Group Study Exchange sponsored by Findlay Rotary
- 3-6 Buzz Howard- Life and Time at MHS
- 3-13 Kevin Harlan w/ Michelle Wasmund Exec Dir Physician Practices

### Upcoming Greeters

- 2-20 Lorraine Fischio
- 2-27 Mike Makley
- 3-6 Mick Teman
- 3-13 Jeff Vossler

*\*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:

Is it the TRUTH?

1. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
2. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
3. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?