



The Cog

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Call to Order

President Robbie Burke called the meeting to order. Sue Pittman offered the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Kraig Noble led the singing of "All Hail to Rotary." There were no birthdays today. Guests included Mary Wilson, guest of Mike Makley.

Happy Dollars

Pres. Robbie was happy for Buz Howard and Mary Wilson being our guests today, Kraig Noble for Buz's book, Karl Dammeyer for a shot at the queen and for the girls' bowling team placing 12th in State, Ron Gorby for a two week vacation, Jim Heinrich for Cardington Rotarian PDG Cecil Maxwell's 90th birthday, Randy Elsass for his Caribbean trip, and Sue Pittman for the April 4th Business Person Breakfast.

Fines

Ron Gorby filled in last minute for fines today. He gave Sue Pittman

a credit for letting him use her paper for his notes. He fined Randy for too much snow, Karl for still not being even for the Megaball Queen, Allen Baskett for not being happy the Y was closed until noon, Kraig for Warren Buffet losing money, and John Wale, Pat Cogan, Jim Heinrich and Dick Hudson for missing MHS trivia. He fined everyone who did not graduate from MHS.

Announcements

May 17-19 will be this year's District Conference to be held in Put-in-Bay. Gary Newton reported that spots are filling fast and you better make your reservation soon as it may sell out.

District Assembly is April 13th.

As part of Dan Burke's PETS program a challenged was issued to the incoming club presidents to raise money for local food pantries. The club and our members donated \$350 to Agape.

Don Hinckley announced that the June 9th Reds game was rescheduled to a night game and he will get with the club for a new date for our outing.

Program

Gary introduced our speaker today with very little introduction. Buz Howard has talked to our club before about some of the other books on St. Mary's history that he has written and he came today to talk about his newest book, "The Life and Times of Memorial High School."

Buz has a slide show that he said usually lasts 45 minutes showing many of the pictures from Memorial High,

and he went through as many as he could in the time allotted. The book was released last November and sold very well over the holidays. All the printing costs were donated and all of the proceeds from the book are divided up among eight different scholarship funds.



Memorial High School was opened in 1923. Lemon Neely donated the land and the building was a memorial to his late wife Carrie May Neely. The current high school building is still called Memorial High but it is a memorial to the military personal from the area. The previous high school building had been demolished, but the clock tower in Memorial Park is a replica of that building's clock tower and the clockworks came out of that original building.

Buz's book relies heavily on old yearbooks for photos and information. He also asked for old photos from the community. His slideshow showed many pictures of old sports teams, faculty and students from the many eras of Memorial High School, and we made sure that we got to the point in his presentation so we could see Pres.

Robbie's high school volleyball team picture.

Queen of Hearts

Jeff Squire won the daily drawing and when he pulled a Joker, Karl Dammeyer took \$5 of it.

Upcoming Programs

- 3-13 Kevin Harlan with Michelle Wasmund, Exec. Dir. Physician Practices
- 3/20 Dane Newlove – Director of Bands-St. Marys School w/SMABB's Trip to the Citrus Bowl Parade
- 3/27 Sean Stroh – Update on the Neil Armstrong Airport
- 4/3 Mel Honig-Member of the Sylvania Rotary Club and their club project in Central America
- 4/10 Vince Koza with Columbus Blue Jackets announcer George Matthews

Upcoming Greeters

- 3-13 Jeff Vossler
- 3-20 Jon Hall
- 3-27 Randy Elsass
- 4-3 Bill Maki
- 4-10 Rick 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?