



### *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 "Home on the Range". There were no birthdays. Guests included Ruth Ramsey, Paula Drummond, Matt Dwenger and Candy Dicke, guests of Sue Pittman.

### Happy Dollars

Pres. Robbie was happy for a successful Rotary Leadership Institute this past weekend, Linda Haines for a fun time at the dueling pianos fundraiser, Gary Newton for his chance at the queen, Kraig Noble for a successful trip to Japan with the city, Tim Dicke for having lunch with his wife today, Rick Gerdeman for a good week in Florida, Jim Heinrich for a chance to celebrate the Oberlin Rotary Club's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary and for the announcement that Linda Haines is

the new director for the hospital foundation, Sue Pittman for each of her guests today, Frank Klatt for being back and for buying a place down in Florida which means more time there, Marty Dodrill for Linda's new job, and Keith Fledderjohann put in a happy dollar from John Wale for the Dueling Pianos show.

### Fines

Randy Elsass did the fining today. He fined Robbie as Gayle Masonbrink's sponsor since she wasn't there to get fined herself, Frank Klatt for being gone too long, and Mark Ashman, Rick Green Brad Seitz, Bob Leugers, and Alex Pittman for missing trivia questions. He then group fined everyone who has been to Japan or on vacation in the past month, didn't go to the Dueling Piano show,

### Announcements

**District Conference:** May 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> will be this year's District Conference to be held at Put-In-Bay. There may be some rooms opening, so if you are still on the fence, check it out.

**Annual Banquet:** The clubs Annual Banquet will be held the evening of June 13<sup>th</sup>. RSVP to Robbie, Don or Keith.

**Installation Dinner:** June 30<sup>th</sup> will be Joe Ludwig's DG installation dinner.

Sandy Gerdeman is taking orders for Rotary apparel. Check in with her if you need new Rotary shirts.

Marty gave the board report. We made about \$500 from the dueling piano show but lost a little money on the Reds trip. We will be working a shift at the Best of the Wurst Tent during Summerfest.

Robbie announced that Linda Vogel is once again collecting baby blankets and if you see any at the garage sales, let her know.

### Program

PE Dan Burke introduced our own Sue Pittman. Sue has chaired our literacy committee for many years and gave her report today for her project. First she thanked her committee of Tim Dicke, Alex Pittman and Gary Newton. Sue uses the literacy projects not only as a way to help the community but to raise the level or our club's awareness in the community. Each book has a book plate that thanks Rotary District 6600 and the St. Marys Rotary Club.



With this year's funding, Sue was able to purchase 29 books for the library's parent teacher collection and 47 easy reader books for first time readers. She presented those resources to Paula Drummond who is the youth services director for the St. Marys Public Library. Sue was also able to get seven Playaways for the transitional care unit at the hospital. People in transitional care frequently have physical limitations that prevent them from reading or holding a book,

and these digital audio books (with headphones) will be a great resource for the staff. Matt Dwenger thanked Sue and Rotary for the resource. Sue also prepared 60 packets for the Family Life Center that included board books for little readers along with resources and educational information about literacy, starting your own book collection for your children, and general parenting guidelines. The library has additional resources to support the information in the packets that will hopefully bring young parents into the world of books and stress literacy for their children. Candy Dicke thanked the club on behalf of the Family Like Center.

### Queen of Hearts

Kraig Noble won the daily drawing but the Queen lives on.

### Upcoming Programs

- 5-8 Do Nguyen – Maumee Rotarian
- 5-15 Kathy Sterns – Social Media and Rotary
- 5-22 Milt Miller – Lake Update
- 5-29 Mayor McGowan

### Upcoming Greeters

- 5-8 Mark Ashman
- 5-15 Ken Strickland
- 5-22 Ralph Wiley
- 5-29 Ellen Hunter

*\*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.