



# The Cog

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## Call to Order

President Dan Burke called the meeting to order. Allen Baskett offered the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. We welcomed Tom Kirk from the Celina Club and Rita Hilty from Otterbein St Marys who was the guest of Linda Haines. Kraig Noble led us in "I'm Looking Over a Four Leaf Clover," we sang Happy Birthday today to Jeff Squire and Dan Hosek.

## Happy Dollars

Our Happy Rotarians today included President Dan Burke, Keith Fledderjohann, Kraig Noble, Tami Sanford, Linda Haines, and Kent Strickland.

## Fines

Rick Gerdeman was our "Fine Master" today. Although Rick exempted Trisch Barnes and Kraig Noble from fines today, the rest of us were fair game. His victims included Jim Heinrich, Alex Pittmen, Bob Leugers, Loraine Fischio, Jon Wale, Tim

Dicke, Tami Sanford, Mike Makely, Keith Fledderjohann, Travis Elsass, and anyone who has not had a Baby Boy this week.

## Announcements

- President Dan reminded everyone that our club will partner with the Kiwanis this year to work the "Best of the Worst" tent at Summerfest. We still have four open slots. Please contact Linda Vogel if you can work.
- We also received a special thank you letters from fellow Rotarian Kathy Sampson for the Clubs support for her and her family.
- The deadline for Rotary Shirts is NOW!
- See Kathy here at the Eagles Lodge if you want some of her Zucchini Bread

## Program

President Elect Randy Elsass introduced...well...himself today as our guest speaker. Randy took a few minutes to update club members on upcoming programs.

Randy spent the rest of his presentation entertaining us with wardrobe changes as he shared information about the current economy and the impact it is having on the market and what investors are and are not doing with their investments.

*This is the outfit he started out in...*



- The DOW hit an all time high last week but Randy expects it to go back to

normal levels soon. Personal and corporate debt is at its lowest since 2007 because individuals and businesses are still holding on to their dollars, although there has been some increase in corporate investment recently which could indicate that things may be improving some.

- There is still a great deal of uncertainty related to the expected negative impact of the Affordable Health Care Act (*Obamacare*) program.



*Randy then changed his shirt and tie during his presentation...*

- The Sequester has not had the predicted devastating negative impact that many democrats said it would have.
- In the last 12 months we are starting to see some positive movement in the Standard and Poor's index.
- Technology will continue to overwhelm older workers. Younger workers will have a distinct advantage in the job market because of their familiarity with the evolving technology.
- We will continue to see a greater emphasis on trade schools as an affordable alternative to formal a college education.
- Our GDP (*Gross Domestic Product*) is growing...slowly...but still there is some modest growth.

- Natural Gas will continue to have a greater and greater impact on our day to day lives. It is low cost and relatively easy to access and produce. Randy predicts this fuel source will be used more and more and will have a huge impact on our energy consumption.



*Randy finished with this outfit he thought was appropriate as he spoke about natural gas and its impact on our energy needs...*

## Queen of Hearts

Travis Elsass won the drawing but the Queen lives.

## Upcoming Programs

- 7 - 24 Kimberly Rompilla-Glass
- 8 - 7 Linda Haines
- 8 - 14 New Teachers - New Principal Bill Ruane
- 8 - 21 District Governor Joe Ludlwick

## Upcoming Greeters

- 7-31 Loraine Fischio
- 8-07 Joe Burke

*\*Please note: All Rotarians scheduled to greet, please be in place by 11:30 a.m.*

Our meeting was adjourned following the recitation of the **Four Way Test of the Things We Think, Say or Do:**