



# The Cog

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## Call to Order

President Dan Burke called the meeting to order. Sue Pittman offered the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. We welcomed Rita Hilty from Otterbein St Marys who was the guest of Linda Haines. Kraig Noble led us in "I've Been Workin' on the Railroad". Gary Newton was not present for his birthday.

## Happy Dollars

Our Happy Rotarians today included President Dan Burke, for his father's health, Randy Elsass for his Eldora experience, Susan Crotty for the Awaji City delegation, visiting speaker Kimberli Glass for Kathy Sampson and the good news on her daughter's health, Ellen Hunter for 9<sup>th</sup> year business anniversary, Don Hinckley for family moving back to area, Frank Klatt for neighborhood improvements, Sue Pittman for Artfest and friends of library book sale and John

Wale for being the neighbor with tall grass.

## Fines

Marty Dodrill was our "Fine Master" today. Although Marty exempted Ron Gorby the rest of us were fair game. His victims included Frank Klatt, Alex Pittman, Mike Makley, John Wale, everyone that hasn't been to Follansbee, West Virginia.

## Announcements

- Hog Raffle tickets for sale.
- See Linda Vogel for remaining spots for Summerfest workers.
- Thank you from Linda Vogel.
- Board meeting Wednesday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:45, all invited.

## Program

President Elect Randy Elsass introduced "Miss Chiquita" at the request of Ron Gorby.

Kimberli is a past Rotarian but had to leave due to other responsibilities. She was the editor of the District 6600 newsletter and still updates the Rotary Facebook page. Kimberli recently received her Master's degree in Special Education.

Kimberli's program was about the different vacations available that involve water. She shared her 23 years of travel experience with vacations that may include viewing water, on top of water or in the water.

Types of water vacations include riverboat cruises, state and national parks, indoor/outdoor water parks, boating and rafting, waterfalls, islands, cruise ships and houseboat rentals.



Water boats, primarily used for river travel such as the Danube, Seine, Yangzi, 3 Gorges Dam, Nile and Neva and the Rhine can be booked through Viking River Cruises. Un-Cruise Adventures is the primary water boat company in the U.S. for travel on the Columbia, Mississippi, Delta Queen could be your choice for the Ohio, Mississippi, Hudson River and the St. Lawrence.

Indoor/Outdoor water parks with close proximity to St. Marys include Kalahari, Great Wolf Lodge, Avalanche Bay, The Beach, Castaway Bay, Fort Rapids and Caribbean Cove.

Boating, Rafting and Canoeing also have some great opportunities with a short drive. Raft the New River or the Gorge in Beckley, West Virginia if you are an adventurer. Canoeing in the Mohican area in Loudonville is popular. Boating locally includes Grand Lake St. Marys, Lake Erie, and the Ohio River.

National Parks and State Parks: Hocking Hills, Houston Woods, Maumee Bay, Petoskey State Park. Waterfall vacations include Niagara Falls, Iguazu falls, Victoria Falls, Dunn's River Falls, and several in Hawaii and China.

Islands only accessible by boat or ferry include Put in Bay, Mackinac Island, Alcatraz, St. Johns and the Caribbean.

Rottnest Island and Haig Point were also discussed.

Kimberli shared the different countries and cruise lines available with South America being one of the more popular destinations. Cruises to Alaska, British Columbia, Brazil, the Orient, Panama Canal, Antarctica and the Galapagos Islands, Tahiti, Australia and the Caribbean.

Popular tropical destinations include Aruba, Bermuda, St. Thomas, Key West, Curacao, and Tahiti. Best bet for a tropical vacation is all inclusive

## Queen of Hearts

Ellen Hunter won but drew a Joker so we drew again and Ron Gorby won. The queen lives.

## Upcoming Programs

- 8 - 7 Linda Haines
- 8 - 14 New Teachers - New Principal Bill Ruane
- 8 - 21 District Governor Joe Ludwick

## Upcoming Greeters

- 8-07 Joe Burke
- 8-14 Paige Canfield
- 8-21 Ken Strickland
- 8-28 Karl Dammeyer

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

**Proposed New Member: The board proposes that Rita Hilty be a new member to our club. If you have any questions about this, please see Don Hinckley.**

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