



### *The Cog*

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### Call to Order

President Dan Burke called the meeting to order. Rev. Bill Maki offered the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Guests Rita Hilty and Jan Heinrich were welcomed. Kraig Noble led us in a rousing rendition of “Vive Le Rotary” to show the District Governor (DG) we are the best singing club in District 6600!

### Happy Dollars

President Dan was happy that the varsity golf team beat Shawnee, PE Randy announced the Heritage Trails dedication of the Kuffner Nature Preserve on Sept 7, Don Hinckley gave \$10 (!) \$7.70 of which was for his 7 lb 7 oz grandson, Kraig was happy for his parents’ 70-year wedding anniversary, Ron G. for Elizabeth Sampson being out of the hospital, Linda H. for a successful hospice golf outing, Rev. Maki for his 4-wk old grandson, Rick Green for a successful trip to Boston, Robbie for her Dad doing well, and the DG for his 18<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. President Dan stepped back up to give a

dollar for the DG out of fear of a future fine.

### Fines

Rev. Maki relished handing out fines this week. However, Jeff V. and Lorraine F. proved their knowledge of trivial matters such as Hawaii statehood and the Blue Moon. Rick Green, Mike M., Robbie, Beth N., Mick T., and Pat C. all fell victim to tough questions. All fines were levied on those who didn’t see the Blue Moon, are not going to the OSU game, are going to the Michigan game, and who are not the DG!

### New Member Induction



Marty Dodrill welcomed Rita Hilty into Club membership. She was proposed as a new member by Robbie Burke. Rita is the Marketing Director at Otterbein. **Welcome, Rita!**

### Program

President Dan introduced District Governor Nominee (DGN) Gary Newton, who introduced today’s speaker DG Joe Ludwig.

DG Joe explained that he believes the districts of Rotary International (RI) are here to serve the clubs and make them strong. The clubs are the grass roots of RI, and the #1 reason people join is for



service; therefore, the clubs must be supported. He is happy that the theme this year is “Engage Rotary, Change Lives.” It’s important at the club level to engage and retain members. RI membership is the same now as it was 10 years ago, meaning we have lost as many existing members as we have inducted new members. He wants us to focus on engaging existing members and to utilize the experience of long-term Rotarians to do that. RI President Ron Burton stated that if you want to take Rotary Service forward, you need to make sure everyone in Rotary has a meaningful role and that their contribution is valued, and the DG agrees.

DG Joe feels strongly that Rotary is about Fellowship, Family, and Fun. He encourages engaging the younger generation and ensuring that Rotary fits their lives. Scheduling more family events will help achieve this goal. Also, young people want to serve and join causes, although they may not be able to do as much financially. Rotaract and Interact can be successful, and the DG also recommends involving non-Rotarians in Rotary projects and creating awareness of who we are through the local media and social media. We need to continue to tell the story. If you are engaged in Rotary, you will change lives.

Our District was successful in getting all PEs to give to the Rotary Foundation, and

the goal now is to get all Rotarians to give. DG Joe reminded us that we are not yet 100% polio free, and we must finish this project.

The DG invited everyone to attend the District Conference May 16 – 18 at Maumee Bay next year. He said there will be a Blues Brothers theme, and you will have fun!

In lieu of a gift for our speaker, President Dan announced that we are giving a \$250 gift to Polio Plus in DG Joe’s name.

### Queen of Hearts

Lorraine F. won the drawing but the Queen lives.

### Upcoming Programs

- 9-4 Riders Coach Greg Phillips and the new Athletic Director
- 9-11 High School Students – European Vacation
- 9-18 Lynn Child – Cyber Security

### Upcoming Greeters

- 9-04 Trisha Barnes
- 9-11 Linda Vogel
- 9-18 Marty Dodrill

*\*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?