



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. Kraig Noble led us in a rousing rendition of "Shine on Harvest Moon" to celebrate the harvest season. All joined in wishing Don Hinckley, Robbie Burke, Jim Heinrich, Rick Green, Tami Sanford, Marv Buehler, and Bob Burke a Happy Birthday!

Happy Dollars

President Dan was happy he wasn't hurt worse than he was in a bike accident and he mentioned that the Rotary Park needs attention; Jeff Squire for his chance at the queen; Don H. for the Bucks win, his treatment going well, and his Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) graduation; Karl D. for his daughter doing so well in all sports and for being National Merit commended; Robbie for graduating from RLI and for High Street being open; Linda Haines for her chance at the queen the week before, for the RJ Corman dinner train

which she recommends, and for the Hospice photo contest; Keith F. for girls' cross country coming in second; Gary Newton for his DG training in Pittsburgh and for RLI. Gary reminded everyone that RLI is paid for by the club and recommends club members attend.

Fines

Sandy Gerdeman energetically delivered fines. Tami S., Travis Elsass, Mike Makley, Don H., Kraig, Mick Teman, Rick Green, Kevin Harlan, Gary N., Scott Ross, and Robbie were all quizzed on their knowledge of the history of the Rotary Foundation, which was started in 1917 with \$26.50. Everyone who didn't have at least \$100 for the Foundation today was fined 50¢!

Announcements

The Halloween Parade will be on Oct. 29. Thanks to Joe Burke for organizing this event. Be at your places at the Library at 5:00 pm please!

Robbie announced that everyone is invited to meet at the Beer Barrel after the parade.

PE Randy announced that former speaker Lynn Child informed us the annual Information Assurance Forum is coming up. (See www.findlayhancockalliance.com)

Be sure to invite a veteran to the program on 11-13-13! Wright-Patt's Aerospace Systems Director Col. Arthur Huber will be our speaker.

Program

PE Randy introduced today's speaker Jeff Squire who is taking over as the Rotary Foundation chair this year. Jeff began by thanking Rick Green for all he has done in the past for the Foundation. The Foundation began in 1917 at the

convention when Arch Klumph proposed the idea of setting up a foundation for the purpose of "doing good in the world." A few years later, the first grant of \$500 was given to the progenitor of the Easter Seals. This year, the program has been restructured and the Annual Fund-Share is taking the place of Future Vision.



Since that first \$26.50, over \$1 billion has been donated to the Foundation. Jeff reminded us we have had many good presentations over the years about the wonderful projects funded by the foundation, such as the Resource Room in Belize, bicycles in Viet Nam, the Jaipur limb project, and so many others. Even in our own back yard, many projects have been funded, such as the Sunshine Park in New Bremen. The Foundation has supported projects to bring clean drinking water to many areas which results in a fundamental change to people's lives.

Changes made this year are meant to streamline the process and make funds more available for clubs to use. Our club has three pending projects – one for playground equipment for KC Geiger Park, the literacy grant for dictionaries, and one in partnership with New Knoxville for an Airy Gator for the lake.

The Foundation has two main pots of money - one for Polio Plus and the other for the Annual Fund-Share. Donations to the Annual Fund are held for three years,

and the interest earned pays for administration costs. Therefore, 100% of donations goes to charity. 50% of the donations goes back to the district (where our grants come from.) Our club is consistently among the top givers per capita, which helps us at grant time in our district. Our district has two members of the Arch Klumph Society, giving over \$250,000 to the Foundation!

The new structure will create more accountability and transparency, and the Foundation is recognized by Charity Navigator as one of the most efficient in the world. Once again this year, the Club will give \$50 for your donation of \$50 or more, and the Heinrich Foundation will provide 100 points toward a Paul Harris fellowship for donations of \$50 or more.

Queen of Hearts

Scott R. won the drawing but drew the Joker and shared the pot with Dick Hudson. The Queen lives...

Upcoming Programs

10-30	Boy Scouts
11-6	Vince Koza and Blue Jackets Representatives
11-13	Veterans Day Program

Upcoming Greeters

10-30	Keith Fledderjohann
11-06	Sue Pittman
11-13	Rick Green

**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?