



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. Kraig Noble led in the singing of "You're a Grand Old Flag". There were no birthdays. Our guests included Jan Heinrich, Ann Larger from the NB/NK club, Mike and Bev Wilker, Richard Ashman, Bart and Darlene Beck, Linda Tebbe, and our high school guests from New Knoxville Wesley Meyer, Ben Kuck, Andrew Arnett, Ben Menke, Shannon McCabe, Abigail Lageman and Ryan Allen.

Happy Dollars

Dan Burke was happy for the New Knoxville students who visited with us today and for our visiting veterans, Randy Elsass for countries numbered 30 and 31 and for Bev Wilker getting our speaker today, Kraig for our Air Force speaker, Tami Sanford for her guests and for distributing the

proceeds from the Tailgate for Cancer, Rick Gerdeman for his guests and his dead I-Phone, Linda Vogel for her son's wedding and for another one coming up, Linda Haines for Ann's visit with us and for her cute grandchild, John Wale for being back to a meeting and for the Browns and Buckeyes, Joe Burke for his son's safe return from Afghanistan, Lorraine Fischio for all the veterans in her life including the 18 at the Living Center, John Hall for his new position with the National Board of Realtors, Sue Pittman for winning a hockey puck, and Bill Maki for Michigan State basketball.

Fines

Rev. Bill Maki did the fines on short notice today. He fined anyone not wearing red, white and blue, anyone who did not graduate from MSU or Kentucky, anyone not having two children get married in one year and anyone not having a grandchild cutting teeth.

Announcements

Pres, Dan read a thank you note from the student who raised our fair hog.

Robbie Burke announced that there are still some shirts available, and she called for a short board meeting after today's meeting.

Program

Pres. Dan introduced PE Randy to introduce today's speaker. Colonel Arthur Huber is the Acting Director for Aerospace Systems Directorate at Wright-Patt. He graduated from Notre Dame with both a BA and a BS and

quickly rose up the ranks at the Air Force. He is currently at Wright-Patt and lives on base with his wife and two daughters



The Colonel opened his presentation with some thoughts about Veteran's Day and specifically recognized the recently deceased retired Brig. Gen. J. Robinson Risner, who served in three wars and was one of the first POW's in Vietnam.

The Colonel went over several of the technological advances that they are working on in Dayton, including computer programs that maximize flying patterns to conserve fuel, avoidance systems that will automatically prevent a plane from crashing, and a propulsion system that will go faster than Mach 5. The new scramjet engines have no moving parts and in a recent test it flew 230 miles in six minutes.

He also talked about his recent deployment in Afghanistan. He returned to the US last March after being in Camp Eggers for four months. He was stationed in Kabul doing overseeing audits, which he admitted was not the most exciting job in the Air Force. Military men have been complaining about audits since the

1800's. He did get to work with NATO allies while he trained Afghan forces in procurement and acquisitions. While the US regulations for that is thousands of pages long, the rules in Afghanistan were only 38 pages.

He was able to do some volunteer work while there working on community relations distributing supplies to schools, orphanages and clinics. Everything was donated and volunteer, including the needed security.

He ended his program with a stirring story about patriotism and why it is different in the US than other places.

Queen of Hearts

Ellen Hunter Adams won the daily drawing but the Queen lives.

Upcoming Programs

11-20 Christy Shell life coach
11-27 Thanksgiving program with Elizabeth Sampson
12-4 Big Brothers/Big Sisters
12-11 Rotary at Otterbein

Upcoming Greeters

11-20 Rick Green
11-27 Dan Hosek
12-4 Mark Ashman
12-11 Gary Newton

**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, and Do.