

### *The Cog*

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### Call to Order

President Dan Burke welcomed everyone to the Otterbein St Marys Community for today's meeting and called the meeting to order. Kathey Sampson offered the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Kraig Noble led in the singing of "Jingle Bells". There were no birthdays to celebrate today. Our guests today included Brenda Sloan, guest of Kathy Sampson, and soon to be our newest Rotarian Alisher Khudakulov, guest of Robbie Burke.

### Happy Dollars

Kathy Sampson, Jon Hall, Jeff Squire, Robbie Burke, Kathy Gerdeman, Gary Newton, Kraig Noble, and Linda Haines were all Happy Rotarians today.

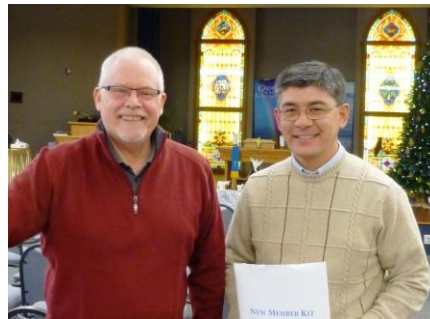
### Fines

Jon Hall was our fine master today. His victims were included in the following group fines...

- Anyone who is not an Otterbein St Marys Resident.
- Anyone who has not skied the snow covered slopes of Michigan.
- Anyone who has not started their Christmas shopping.
- Anyone who has finished their Christmas shopping.

### Announcements

Pres, Dan inducted our newest Rotarian Alisher (Al) Khudakulov into the St Marys Rotary Club.



Alisher and his sponsor Marty Dodrill

Sandy announced our Christmas party on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Please respond to the e-vite, and if you don't know what that is just call her or Rick with your rsvp. Lunch will be served at 11:30 and the exchange will begin promptly at Noon.

There will be no Rotary Meeting on Wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup> (Christmas) or Wednesday January 1<sup>st</sup> (New Years Day).

Dan asked everyone to keep fellow Rotarian Jim Harris and his family in your prayers. Jim's mother passed this week.

### Program

Pres. Dan introduced PE Randy to introduce today's program. Randy took a few minutes to share his experience working with the leadership of Otterbein and the YMCA in the

development of the vision that would become the YMCA Life Enrichment Center at Otterbein St Marys. He talked about the shared desire of both parties for a warm water therapy pool and the timing of the decision to partner together. Randy then introduced fellow Rotarians Rita Hilty from Otterbein and Allen Baskett from the "Y" to share their prospective on the Life Enrichment Center.



A desire to draw closer to God inspired the Community that is now Otterbein St. Marys. However, our origins date back to 1912, when the first Otterbein community was built in Lebanon, Ohio. Originally a home for the elderly and orphaned, in the 1960's Otterbein devoted itself exclusively to enhancing the quality of life and holistic growth of older persons.

Otterbein Senior Lifestyle Choices has grown to include retirement communities, skilled nursing and rehab neighborhoods, and home health.

Locally...It all began in the early 1940s, when the Evangelical United Brethren built a retreat center for prayer, meditation and study. It endured as such after its merger with the Methodist Church in 1968. In the 1980s, the retreat became a retirement community.

The first independent living patio homes were built in 1987, bringing innovation to senior living. That effort

continues. In 2011, Otterbein St. Marys partnered with the Auglaize / Mercer Counties Family YMCA and built the Life Enrichment Center with its specially designed wellness activities offered in partnership with the "Y". The Life Enrichment Center includes a Fitness Room, a new Library & Computer Center, and of course, the Warm Water Therapy Pool. The only pool of its kind in Auglaize and Mercer County.

Allen spoke about the positive impact that the Life Enrichment Center has had on the Y's ability to reach out to active older adults. Allen noted that the Y's percentage of YMCA members age 55 and older has grown significantly since the opening of the new facility.

### Queen of Hearts

Alex Pittman won the daily drawing but the Queen lives.

### Upcoming Programs

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| 12-18 | Christmas Party!!! |
| 12-25 | NO MEETING         |
| 01-01 | NO MEETING         |

### Upcoming Greeters

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| 12-18 | Gayle Masonbrink |
| 12-25 | NO MEETING       |
| 01-01 | NO MEETING       |

*\*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.