



### *The Cog*

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### Call to Order

President Dan Burke called the meeting to order. Alex Pittman offered the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Kraig Noble led us in singing "Home on the Range." Alyssa Blackburn and Jan Heinrich were our guests. Celebrating birthdays were Alex Pittman, Keith Fledderjohann, and Beth Noneman.

### Happy Dollars

Jeff Squire was happy for Alyssa Blackburn being here and for the start of a fine legal career with Noble, Montague, and Moul, Tim Dicke for becoming director of the St Marys Chamber of Commerce, Linda Haines for all the healthcare workers who did everything they could to make it to work in the snow storm, Trisha Barnes for vacation to St

Maarten and the island having road signs with the Rotary four way test, Lorraine Fischio for the Living Center surviving the snow storm and for everyone who helped out, and Ellen Hunter for one of her favorite teachers Mr. Howard being with us today.

### Fines

Marty Dodrill was our finer today. Jeff Vossler correctly answered that the United States was the world's largest producer of oil. Marty fined anyone who hasn't been to the new Generations Café yet, or to the "A Buckeye Abroad" exhibit at the Dayton Art Institute. Also fined was anyone not planning to go to the St Marys Art Place beer tasting on January 17<sup>th</sup> from 7-10pm, adding anyone with questions should contact the beer expert, Jeff Squire, for details.

### Announcements

January 22<sup>nd</sup> Rotary will be traveling to Wright State University Lake Campus to watch the men's basketball game, coached by Mark Ashman. The pizza party will be at 6:30 with the game starting at 7:30. Family and friends welcome.

President Dan announced to please keep Kathy Sampson, her daughter Elizabeth, and family in our prayers.

### Program

PE Randy Elsass introduced today's speaker Robert "Buz" Howard. Howard a lifelong resident of St Marys, teacher, historian and philanthropist, has

raised over \$50,000 publishing books that benefit the Thomas Howard Scholarship Fund, named for his son, and the Heartfelt Fund, which raises money for people in St Marys who suffer from the disease hypertrophic cardiomyopathy. Today he was here to discuss his 4<sup>th</sup> and most recent book The St Marys Anthology, Tales and Sketches from an American Small Town.

The anthology has 13 authors: John Andreoni, J.J Hauss, Buz Howard, Bill Huber, Dennis Long, Eldon Montague, George Nearing, Kraig Noble, Frank Shuffleton, Bob Sampson, Todd Spieles, David Stilwell, and Jim Tully. Buz compiled the chapters, some of which are nostalgic accounts, "the way-we-were" stories that older folks have always told, while other chapters are devoted to local history and lore that their respective authors have studied.



The book covers interesting stories from the nitroglycerine explosion in 1896, to the robbery of Charles Makley and the Dillinger Gang, with many pictures of how St Marys has changed over the years. Howard hopes that "each person who explores these pages finds something

enlightening or at least entertaining."

### Queen of Hearts

Lorraine Fischio won the weekly drawing and found the Queen of Hearts!!!



### Upcoming Programs

- 1-15 Varsity Basketball
- 1-22 Pat McGowan
- 1-29 Tim Eiting
- 2-5 TBA
- 2-19 Jim Jordan

### Upcoming Greeters

- 1-15 Rita Hiltey
- 1-22 Bob Leugers
- 1-29 Jeff Squire

*\*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?