



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 "Viva La Rotary". There were no birthdays. Our guests included DG Joe Ludwig, John Paul Slonkosky from the NB/NK club, and Judy Meyer, guest of Beth Noneman.

Happy Dollars

Dan Burke was happy that the DG Joe was able to be with us today, Randy Elsass for the temperature going up, Beth for having her mother with us for lunch, Kathy Sampson for the fundraiser at JT's and for Elizabeth's health stabilizing, Robbie for a fun event at WSULC and for

DG Joe's visit, and Joe was happy to be here with us.

Fines

Ellen Hunter Adams took the podium to do Rotary Magazine question fines. She fined Tim Dicke, Don Hinckley, Travis Elsass, Alex Pittman, Kevin Harlan, Mick Temen, Karl Dammeyer, Dan Burke, Kraig Noble, Beth Noneman, Sue Pittman and then everyone else who didn't read the magazine or has not had to child-proof your house this week.

Announcements

DG Joe Ludwig presented Dan with a banner recognizing our club as having the second highest per capita giving to the Foundation in District 6600.



Pres. Dan announced that there are directory update pages available at the front table if you have not already picked them up.

Program

Pres. Dan introduced PE Randy to introduce today's speaker. Tim Eiting is a Rotarian from the New Bremen/

New Knoxville club and an avid collector of old toys. He focuses on cast iron toys and banks. For today's talk, he was focusing on the Kenton Hardware Company and its toy and bank line of products.

In the 1890's, Kenton was a foundry making face plates and hinges and in 1893 they wanted to add something to the line. They made a pattern for a cast iron bank for the 1893 World's Fair. That bank was a huge success.



In 1894 they had 100 toys in the catalogue. After a fire in 1903 they reopened and expanded the toy and bank catalogue to about 700 different items. In the 1920's the foundry was running seven days a week. When the depression hit they shrank down to two days a week.

In the late 1930's they developed a cap pistol that they branded with Gene Autrey. They sold over a million of those pistols, and Gene Autrey received a royalty for every one sold. The last catalogue issued by the foundry was issued in 1952 and in 1956 it closed.

Tim likes the Kenton Hardware Company products but at its height,

there were 31 different companies producing cast iron still banks. Tim brought in several of the toys and banks from his collection to show the club. Many of the banks would be produced in several sizes. Tim had several books, including a book showing one collector's extensive collection of still banks. Tim has a few banks that he would like to own but has not come across them at a price he is willing to pay.

Queen of Hearts

Allen Baskett won the daily drawing but the Queen lives.

Upcoming Programs

- 2-12 Telestroke
- 2-19 Jim Jordan
- 2-26 Aug. County Commissioners
- 3-5 Ag Day

Upcoming Greeters

- 2-12 Sandy Gerdeman
- 2-19 Kraig Noble
- 2-26 Linda Haines
- 3-5 Rick Gerdeman

**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.