



The Cog

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Call to Order

President Dan Burke called the meeting to order. Allen Baskett offered the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Jeff Squire led in the singing of 'America'. This week's birthdays were President Dan and our guest from WLIO Phil Thomas. Our guests included Phil Thomas (Birthday Boy) from WLIO and our speakers for today Doug Spencer and Don Regula.

Happy Dollars

Our Happy Rotarians today included President Dan, Robbie Burke, Craig Noble, Tim Dicke, Kathy Sampson, Rick Gerdeman, and Gayle Masonbrick.

Fines

Sandy Gerdeman was our "Fine Mistress" today. Her victims included Rick Gerdeman, Gary Newton, Dan

Hosek, Marty Dodrill, Robbie Burke, Allen Baskett, Sue Pittman, Kathy Sampson, Mark Ashman, Ron Gorby, Beth Noneman, and Phil Schuman. She also nailed anyone who had not bought a Reds Ticket or a ticket to the Gala yet.

Announcements

Dan received a club resignation notice from Denny Vogel. Denny has relocated to Florida and the commute to St Marys every Wednesday is a bit too much.

President Dan reminded everyone that Ag Day is coming up next week and he encouraged members to bring guests. A sign-up sheet was passed around asking members to give us an idea of how many would be attending next week's meeting.

Gary Newton announced that Jeff Squire will be our new Assistant District Governor. Gary thanked Jeff for accepting this important position for Rotary District 6600.

President Elect Randy Elsass shared the schedule of upcoming Rotary Speakers. He has one date to fill on March 26th with all other dates through the end of April scheduled. Future presenters include Polio Plus, IPODS for Reading, Heritage Trails, Social Security Information, Wright State University, and Admin. Asst. Day which Randy says will be a day of "Magic".

Program

President Elect Randy Elsass introduced our guest speakers for today. Don Regula and Doug Spencer joined us today to give us an update on the status of Auglaize County.



Doug Spencer gave a detailed presentation sharing the results of the county's efforts in economic development, special projects, infrastructure needs & improvements, and goals for 2014. Here is a brief summary of that presentation.



Doug Addressing Our Club

2014 Appropriations

- General Revenue Fund - \$15,445,000
- 8% increase over 2013
- Wages up 2%
- Econ Dev up from \$40,000 to \$80,000
- Health Ins up 3.8%
- SRF Appropriations \$38,141,000

2013 Projects

- Hometown Opportunities - \$25,000
- Ohio Moving Forward Grant - \$73,000
- Auglaize Acres
 - New Roof
 - Released 40 bed units with the resulting funds going toward the capital fund.
 - Paid off GRF Advancement
- Dog Shelter
 - 24 Kennels opened in Feb. 2014
 - 2,700 sq ft facility
- Courthouse Renovation
- 33A Resurfacing Project

Goals for 2014

- Technology Updates
- Select a new Nursing Home Administrator.
- Powerhouse Masonry Repairs
- Demolition of house to make room for additional parking.
- Back scanning of old documents.
- Formation of the Lake Facilities Authority
- Additional Airport Upgrades.

- Sewer Line issues that need to be addressed.
- Solid Waste Management Plan

2014 Winter Weather Impact

So far more than \$102,000 has been spent on salt, \$7,800 on beet juice, \$116,000 on wages, and \$76,000 on fuel...and we are not done yet!

Proposed Member

Alyssa Blackburn has been proposed as a new member.

Queen of Hearts

Jeff Squire won the drawing today, but the Queen eluded his grasp.

Upcoming Programs

- 3-5 Ag Day
- 3-12 Polio Plus
- 3-19 IPODS for Reading
- 3-26 TBD
- 4-2 Heritage Trails
- 4-9 Soc. Sec. Presentation
- 4-16 Dr. Hopkins - WSU
- 4-23 Admin. Asst. Day Program

Upcoming Greeters

- 3-5 Ellen Hunter

**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.

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?