



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. Jan Heinrich, guest of Jim Heinrich, joined us today. Kraig Noble led us in a rousing rendition of "Old McDonald Had A Farm.

Happy Dollars

Our Happy Rotarians today included Kathy Sampson, Linda Haines, Sue Pittman, Trisha Barnes, Lorraine Fischio, Dick Hudson, and Kraig Noble.

Fines

The latest edition of "The Rotarian" was the subject of the day and Ellen Hunter quizzed her fellow Rotarians and enthusiastically handed out fines. Her victims included Linda Haines, Jon Hall, Travis Elsass, Allen Baskett, Kevin

Harlan, Dick Hudson, Jeff Squire, Pat Cogan, Gary Newton, Beth Noneman, and Marty Dodrill. Group fines were also issued to anyone who...

1. Didn't use cloth diapers for their child.
2. Puts out more than one bag of trash a week.
3. Had not read The Rotarian.

Announcements

- The Shakespeare Clubs next meeting will be on April 11th at Otterbein St Marys in the Wissman Room and will include a special presentation from our own Kraig Noble.
- The club received Thank You letters from Kathy Bayless and Linda Haines for donations from the St Marys Rotary Club.
- District Assembly is coming up on Saturday, April 12th at Oberlin College.
- The Circus is coming to town...Ron Gorby has posters.

Program

PE Randy introduced our speaker Russ Bailey to share with the club about his job as Dog Warden and the new Dog Shelter in Auglaize County.



Russ was a law enforcement officer until health issues forced him to retire from the Police force.

Russ came to his position as Dog Warden in 2008. Russ had always been a dog lover, so becoming the Dog Warden for Auglaize County was an easy transition for him. At the time he became Dog Warden, there were few resources available to him. He was a one man show.

Since 2008, much has changed. Russ in no longer the only officer collecting stray dogs.



Each year Russ and his staff pick up over 350 Dogs here in Auglaize County. The county took a big leap forward when it completed the new 2,700 square foot Dog Shelter in early January of this year at a cost of approximately \$428,000.



The shelter is located behind the County Sherriff's Office. "I think it turned out really nice," Bailey said. He shared a power point presentation highlighting the features of the

shelter including a puppy room, office and storage off of the main kennel area, and approximately \$15,000 worth of technology in the facility, including security cameras, computers, a printer and network rack. Heyne Construction, of Minster was the contractor for the facility.

The shelter can house up to 24 dogs at a time. Currently there are 4 dogs in the shelter and Russ said he expects that number to go up to around 15 or more during the summer months.

Russ shared several stories of dogs and people he has encountered during his first 5 years on the job. He also noted that the facility and the program are now self sufficient. He encouraged dog owners to license their dogs...it's the law!

Queen of Hearts

Lorraine Fischio won the drawing but the Queen lives...

Upcoming Programs

- 4-2 Allison Brady – Heritage Park Trails District
- 4-9 Social Security
- 4-16 WSU President David Hopkins

Upcoming Greeters

- 4-2 Susan Crotty
- 4-9 Kevin Harlan

**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.**