



The Cog

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Call to Order

President Dan Burke called the meeting to order. Kathy Sampson offered the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Kraig Noble led us in singing "Vive Le Rotary." Claudia Coe, Chris Noble, Julie Miller, Dr. Tom Knapke, Dr. Bonnie Mathias, Dr. Robert Hiskey, Branden Ferguson, Joe Miles, Will Jones, and Jim Hannah were our guests today. Celebrating birthdays were Kraig Noble, Ed Noble, and Susan Crotty.

Happy Dollars

Today's happy Rotarians: Dan Burke, Dick Hudson, Robbie Burke, Kraig Noble, Mick Teman, Kathy Sampson,

Alex Pittman, Alisher Khudaykulov, and Ron Gorby.

Fines

Marty Dodrill was our finer today. He fined many club members with trivia questions and issued group fines for anyone who hasn't been to the Andy Warhol museum or ate at Ditka's Restaurant in Pittsburgh.

Announcements

President Dan distributed Pledge Project information sheet. All money pledged will go towards the completion of our local projects for the KC Geiger Park playground equipment and the Linear Aeration system at Grand Lake St Marys.

Circus tickets are now available for all club members to sale. Pre-sale tickets: adults-\$10 and children \$6. Price of tickets go up on day of circus and club only gets proceeds from pre-sale tickets!!

Program

PE Randy introduced today's speaker, Dr. David Hopkins, President of Wright State University. Dr. Hopkins was here to speak with us about the current job crisis brewing in Ohio and how Wright State University is helping fight it.

Ohio is one of the most under-educated states in the country and it could continue in the years to come. It is projected that 24 million new jobs will be created by 2020, and 65% of those jobs will require more than a high school education. At the same time it is projected only 42% of Ohioans will have college degrees to fill those jobs.

Hopkins said "we must find a way to get more people to the finish line of higher education." And that seems to be what Wright State University is doing...

Only 25% of today's students follow the "typical college student" model of 18-24 yr olds, living on campus, and having bills paid by parents. The other 75% are part-time students, transfer students, people who take courses here and there will working, military veterans, and adults already in workforce trying to better their careers. Wright State is finding ways to help these students who don't fit the traditional mold.

Part of the challenges of helping the 75% of non-traditional students is in today's world all too often colleges are judged by the number of applicants turned away, and legislators leave adult, part-time, and military

students out of their quality of education measurements.



Queen of Hearts

Ron Gorby won the weekly drawing but the Queen lives.....

Upcoming Programs

4-23 Admin. Professionals
Day- Entertainment by Skilldini
4-30 CEO John Bookmyer

Upcoming Greeters

4-23 Frank Klatt
4-30 Shawn Brown
5-7 Tami Sanford
**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?