



The Cog

Rotary Club No. 3503
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May 7, 2014

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 in the singing of "Battle Hymn of the Republic". There were no birthdays. Our guests included Jan Heinrich, Mason Maze, Nathan Huber, Mallory Kill, Will Walter, Leann Bertke.

Happy Dollars

Dan Burke was happy for the Riders baseball team and successful promenade, Don Hinckley for good health update, Rick Green for his chance at the queen and good weather, Kraig Noble for our speaker, Marty Dodrill for the arts, Ellen Hunter for Better Hearing Month, Trish Barnes for our speaker

and getting to spend the day with a clown, Gayle Masonbrink for a trip to Aruba and a successful United Way reverse raffle, Jeff Vossler for a trip to Fort Myers Fl.

Fines

Bill Maki did the fining today. He fined Mick Teman, Beth Noneman, Kevin Harlan and Robbie Burke for their lack of Rotarian Magazine knowledge. Overall fines were for not going to a Reds game yet, not renewing your Roughrider season tickets yet, not starting a new company this month, not planting your garden yet and anyone not wearing shorts. Max fine was \$2.00.

Announcements

Nature Park project rescheduled for May 24th with a rain date of May 31st. Begins at 8am

The committee sheets are on each table as well as an email for Randy's Rotary year. Sign up or give Randy a call with your preferences.

Please consider making a pledge to the Rotary Play Park. The Heinrich Foundation will recognize any pledge of \$250 with a gift of 250 Paul Harris points. Deadline is June 30th

Make sure to get your insert pages for the directory with our newest members.

Program

PE Randy introduced Jim Bowsher. Jim is a Wapakoneta

resident with vast knowledge on everything historical. Jim speaks all over and is a published author. He is a Kent State dropout because college conflicted with his education. Jim shared his knowledge and historical items.



Jim shared with the group and particularly Leann Bertke a story about Vogue magazine shooting a photo spread at his house (The Temple of Tolerance).

The group was quizzed on an item carried by the 37th OVI from Auglaize County and was responsible for more deaths than any other weapon in the civil war. The item was given to Mr. Bowsher by Wapakoneta Christian Sell whose friend was a surgeon in the Civil War. The item was a bullet puller that was used over and over without sterilization causing spread of infection.

Jim then jumped to the Revolutionary War with a story about Jumonville; Gen. George Washington's first engagement as a British officer. Mr. Bowsher found two musket balls which are now on display in New York. A story was also shared about Wapakoneta being a stop on the Underground Railroad. Wapak

was a sovereign nation due to being an Indian Reservation.

A story on St. Marian Charles Hipp and his guardian angel was also shared.

Queen of Hearts

A person that I can't remember won the daily drawing but the Queen lives.

Upcoming Programs

5-14 Mark Mohr, War of 1812
5-21 Sue Pittman, Literacy
5-28 Auglaize Cty Crisis Center

Upcoming Greeters

5-14 Travis Elsass
5-21 Kathy Sampson
5-28 Jim Heinrich

**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?