



### *The Cog*

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### **Call to Order**

President Elect Randy Elsass called the meeting to order. Rev Bill Maki offered the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Kraig Noble led us in singing "My Country This of Thee." Marks Khalmuratov was guest of Alisher Khudaykulov and Jan Heinrich was a guest of Jim Heinrich. Celebrating birthdays this week were John Whale, Gayle Masonbrink, and Mick Temen.

### **Happy Dollars**

Tami Sanford was happy to see the St Marys police department raising funds through traffic violations but not at Alex Pittman's

expense, Ali for his friend Marks being with us today, Sandy for the theme of next year's Hospice Gala being announced as "The Great Gatsby" and for her recent travels, Kraig for the father of the Akron "Mono Mono" twins originally being from St Marys, and Mike Makley for attending the Memorial High School awards program and seeing the many seniors being honored and receiving scholarships.

### **Fines**

Ellen Hunter was our fine master. She started by fining Bill Maki a dollar for taking away her Rotarian magazine so she couldn't use it for fines. So instead she quizzed on pop culture fining Tami Sanford, Mike Makley, Frank Klatt, Dick Hudson, Gary Newton, Pat Cogan, Mick Temen, Trisha Barnes, and Travis Elsass. Marty Dodrill was the only Rotarian able to escape her fine. Also fined was Alex for using a dish towel as a bib, Rick Gerdeman for taking his wife away for 3 weeks on trips, Robbie for coming to the meeting while brothers at office working, John for wearing jeans and tennis shoes to meeting, and anyone who is not going to the circus or didn't sell any tickets. Kraig Noble and Jeff Squire were exempt from fines for purchasing circus tickets for

the handicapped children of Auglaize County and Big Brothers/ Big Sisters.

### **Program**

President Elect Randy introduced today's speaker Mark Mohr from the Johnny Appleseed Park District. He was here today to talk to us about the War of 1812.



Fort Amanda was a supply fort during the War of 1812 but to this day many historians question if the location of Fort Amanda Park is accurate. One reason being 74 military men died while being transported to St Marys, the location of nearest hospital. Back in the day, this should have been a 4 hour wagon trip, short enough to have higher survival rate.

Some other interesting facts Mark shared was that Fort Amanda was named after Col Pogue's favorite daughter Hannah Amanda and the meaning behind saying "to eat crow." During the war an American soldier shot a crow

and a British soldier heard it and came over to see it unarmed. The British soldier complimented the American's gun so much he actually handed it over to the Brit so he could get a closer look. Now with a gun in hand, the British soldier made the American soldier take a bite out of the crow. The British then handed gun back only to have the tables turned on him. The American soldier made him eat the rest of the bird. Yuck.

### **Queen of Hearts**

Jeff Squire won the weekly drawing but the Queen lives.....

### **Upcoming Programs**

- 5-21 Sue Pittman-Literacy Program
- 5-28 Auglaize County Crisis Center
- 6-04 Linda Pollitz-Alzheimer Association

### **Upcoming Greeters**

- 5-21 Kathy Sampson
- 5-28 Jim Heinrich
- 6-04 Ken Strickland
- 6-11 Ed Raudabaugh

*\*Please note: All Rotarians scheduled to greet, please be in place by 11:30 a.m.*