



The Cog

Rotary Club No. 3503
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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. Guests included visiting Rotarian Connie Backlund, and guests of Susan Pittman - Paula Drummond, Linda Gossard, Miriah Wentz, Jenny Johnides, Sue Cruise, and Ruth Ramsey. Kraig led us in a rousing rendition of "Wait 'till the Sun Shines, Nellie."

Happy Dollars

President Dan gave \$10 Happy Dollars (!) for the District Conference and St. Marys' excellent representation. He announced that our Club received the **Presidential Citation with Distinction** (awarded to only 5 out of 62 clubs!) We also received the **Club Central Award**, Jan Heinrich won the **Rotarian Spouse Partner Service Award** (and got a standing ovation) and Jim Heinrich won the **Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious**

Service. PE Randy stepped up with \$4 for winning the Holy Rosary monthly draw and for going to Denver to see his son; Jeff S. was happy for his shot at the Queen; Ellen announced she is giving a seminar for Better Hearing Month; Trisha was happy for the success of the circus with 1,700 tickets sold (pre-sales double what the circus company expected!) and that Rotary covered 80 tickets for children with needs; Susan P. was happy for her guests and that her son won the Outstanding Citizen Award from Auglaize County ESC; Jan H. expressed appreciation for her award; Jim H. gave \$5 to match what his daughter gave to her club; Don H. was happy for the honor to give the awards; Frank was happy for the circus but chided Kraig for today's song.

Fines

Jon H. expedited delivery of fines today. He fined the Cog Committee for a typo. ☹ He called out President Dan, Kathy & Phil, and Ellen for various infractions. All fines were for anyone who has not read a book in the last month.

Announcements

President Dan thanked committee members for the fantastic job they did on the circus.

Saturday, May 31st at 8 am we will try again to put down mulch on the Rotary Nature Trail. Please come help if you can!

RSVP for the Annual Banquet to Kathy!

President Dan read a thank-you card from Becky Kemp Harruff for the

flowers Rotary sent for Barry Kemp's funeral.

Program

PE Randy introduced our own Susan Pittman who presented information on the 2014 Rotary Literacy Grant we received. She said through this program we have been able to put a lot of books into the community over the years.



The focus of this year's grant was two-fold. First, early literacy pre-school program needs were addressed in four different areas. For just over \$350, the library obtained an easily portable iPod and songs to use for pre-school story time. The library also obtained several picture books (37 titles) with a science



focus for their Fizz Boom Read program. They also updated their parent/teacher collection, and by working with a good vendor obtained 37 books as opposed to the 26 they projected for \$500.

Sue was very pleased to announce that the grant funded sets of newly published picture books, which she presented to representatives of the five pre-schools: Auglaize Co. Pre-school, TLC, Holy Rosary, New Creation Learning Center, and Grand Lake Christian Academy.

The second focus was on the Dictionary Program, which again is being organized by Jim Harris and is funded at \$375. Sue said she requested \$2,400 for the total grant program and received a total of \$1,200 from our Club and \$1,000 in District funds. The Literacy Committee of Rotary oversaw the project, and Sue thanked the committee for their work and the Evening Leader for publicizing the grant activity. Sue also shared a sentimental review of the history of the program, including a story about the time she and Gary went to jail!

Queen of Hearts

Mike M. won the drawing but the Queen lives...

Upcoming Programs

- 5-28 Auglaize County Crisis Center
- 6-4 Linda Pollitz - Alzheimer's Association
- 6-11 No Meeting
- 6-12 Annual Banquet

Upcoming Greeters

- 5-28 Jim Heinrich
- 6-4 Ken Strickland
- 6-11 No Meeting

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