



The Cog

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Call to Order

President Elect Kathy Sampson called the meeting to order. Allen Baskett offered the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Kraig Noble led in the singing of "You're a Grand Old Flag". There were no guests.

Happy Dollars

Tami Sanford was happy for her new kitchen, Ken Strickland for being saved from a riptide, Frank Klatt for his new puppy, Jeff Vossler for Milt's program today, Dan Burke for having lunch back on the floor and Acme baseball playing in the sectionals, Keith for his coin club raffle, Jeff Squire for the St. Marys Area Community Band performance,

and Ellen Hunter Adams for her birthday trip to the Kalahari.

Fines

Ellen did the fines and since the Rotarian Magazine just came out she did a magazine quiz. Linda Haines, Tami Sanford, Beth Noneman, Rita Hilty, Tim Dicke, Mark Ashman, Dick Hudson, Mike Makley, Robbie Burke, and Rick Green were all fined. Mick Teman was fined for being a smart guy and Rick Green for being too slow. She group fined anyone who did not have a child with pink eye.

Announcements

Jeff Squire announced that the upcoming Rotary Summer Concert Series concert would be AC Swing at the Gazebo in Memorial Park at 7:00 on Sunday July 6th.

The club received a thank you card from Lauren Klopfenstein for her scholarship.

Kathy reminded people to sign up for the Kroger's reward program

Program

PE Kathy introduced today's speaker. Milt Miller is well known to our club and the community and has been an advocate of Grand Lake St. Marys and is the Executive Director of the Lake Improvement Association. Milt thanked the club for the installation of the aeration system at the handicapped fishing pond at the East Bank.

Milt reported that fishing has been very good, both this winter with ice fishing and this spring. The good fishing has led to good word of mouth and the fishermen are returning to the lake. The State Park was full for Memorial Day and boat traffic on the lake is coming back.



While the Association still has an eight point plan for the lake it has been focusing lately in three areas: dredging, aeration and treatment trains. These three areas are leading to quick and noticeable improvements to the water quality. This summer there will be four dredges on the lake, with one newer model that will alleviate some of the repair delays that have plagued the older equipment. Milt says they now have one mile of aeration tubes running in various channels and ponds around the lake.

Milt went over some maps that show wet land areas and how the treatment trains use the wetlands to filter nutrients out of the water. They have been pumping water into the treatment train to protect against the late summer drying up of the creeks. They will have three treatment trains up and running soon, including cleaning the water flow from Prairie Creek and Coldwater Creek.

They are still working in the watershed to help reduce the phosphorus in the run off, but there is so much of it already in the silt that cleaning the water into the lake is only part of the solution. Milt took questions from the crowd.

Queen of Hearts

Rita Hilty won the daily drawing but the Queen lives.

Upcoming Programs

- 7-9 Jeff and Deb Eschmeyer of Harvest Sun Farm
- 7-16 Deb Hemmelgarn of the Grand Lake Regatta
- 7-23 TBA
- 7-30 Russ Bailey on his recent trip with the Duck Dynasty guys

Upcoming Greeters

- 7-9 Phil Schumann
- 7-16 Mark Ashman
- 7-23 Beth Noneman
- 7-30 Trisha Barnes

**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.

