



The Cog

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Call to Order

President Elect Kathy Sampson called the meeting to order. Ken Strickland offered the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Kraig Noble led in the singing of "In the Good Ole Summertime". There were no Birthdays. Our guests included Bill Ruane, Kristin Powell, and Hodge Drake.

Happy Dollars

Rick Green was happy for today's attendance, Robbie Burke for her guests Kristen Powell and Hodge Drake, Bill Maki for his South Carolina trip and bump to first class on the plane, Dick Hudson for the Sister City trip to Germany, Sue Pittman for the upcoming Art Fest and book sale at the library, Ken

Strickland for our speaker today and for the Sister City trip, Alex Pittman for the Sister City trip and for the Rotarians who watched out for him, Gayle Masonbrink for the new St. Marys poster being drawn and the Roughrider picture made out of pictures, and Kathy Sampson for the crowd today.

Fines

Ellen did the fines, again, and did Alisher Khudaykulov trivia. Shawn Brown, Gary Newton, Mick Teman, Tami Sanford, Dan Burke, Marty Dodrill, and Jeff Squire were all wrong. Rick Green and Robbie Burke got the right answer. Ellen also fined Tim Dicke for having his picture in the paper.

Announcements

The sign-up sheet for Summerfest is going around. Check your shift and sign up if you have not already.

The club received a thank you note from the Crisis Center and Otterbein for our donations.

Hog raffle tickets are available.

Program

PE Kathy introduced today's speaker. Russ Bailey is well known in our community as a former St. Marys Police Officer and the current county dog warden. What many may not know is that he is also a TV star.

Russ always enjoyed fishing and got hooked on Crappie fishing. After some success in the national

competition circuit he focused on being a guide. He was offered to host a show on crappie fishing and "Midwest Crappie" was started. He started the show from scratch and aired it on the Sportsman's Channel. He got his own sponsors and sold the ad time, but he did get a new boat each year.



After eight years of doing the show the rising costs made the TV show more difficult to finance. He did a DVD project that caught the attention of Bass Pro Shops and now he is working on the third volume of crappie fishing DVDs that are available at Kabelas's and Bass Pro.

One of his sponsors is also affiliated with the Duck Dynasty guys and he was able to do some cross promotion work with them. He has met some famous people while working the various sports shows. Russ says the biggest benefit of his fishing has been the friends he has been able to meet. He has been

contacted by NKTelco about hosting a local fishing show for them, but that is still early in the process. Russ said that since Grand Lake St. Marys has not been fished hard recently due to the algae blooms the Crappie are really good this year, but he wouldn't eat them.

Queen of Hearts

Tami Sanford won the daily drawing but the Queen lives.

Upcoming Programs

- 8-6 Rebecca Oeltjenbruns from the Center for Practical Management
- 8-13 DG Rex Engle
- 8-20 Bill Maki on making an Apple App
- 8-27 Doug Frye
- 9-3 Erica Noneman, obedience trainer

Upcoming Greeters

- 8-6 Allen Baskett
 - 8-13 Shawn Brown
 - 8-20 Dan Burke
 - 8-27 Joe Burke
 - 9-3 Robbie Burke
- *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.

