



# The Cog

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## Call to Order

President Randy Elsass called the meeting to order. Sue Pittman offered the invocation. Our guests today were Jon and Julie Kraner...guests of Kathy Sampson, Dan and Brenda Manning...guests of Ellen Hunter, Joe Hammer...guest of Karl Dammeyer, and Zach Ferrell...guest of Jeff Squire. Visiting Rotarian Kurt Meier from the Sidney Club also joined us today. Jeff Squire led us in signing "Our Boys Will Shine Tonight."

## Happy Dollars

We had a lot of Happy Rotarians today. They included Randy Elsass, Don Hinckley, Bill Maki, Dan Hosek, Kathy

Sampson, Kraig Noble, Jeff Squire, Dan Burke, Marty Dodrill, Rita Hilty, Tami Sanford, Ellen Hunter, Travis Elsass, and Allen Baskett.

## Fines

Travis Elsass was our Fine Master today. Try as he might, Travis found a lot of very smart Rotarians as his trivia questions were no match for his fellow Rotary members. He did manage to claim one victim, Bill Maki. (But it was a trick question) In sheer desperation, he fined anyone who had not attended a Roughrider Scrimmage yet.

## Announcements

The dictionaries will be going out to St Marys students this week. Randy Elsass and Jim Harris will handle the deliveries.

## New Member Induction

Rob Spees was inducted into our club today. Marty Dodrill officiated the induction of Rob. Rob's sponsor was Ellen Hunter.



## Program

PE Kathy Sampson introduced today's speaker, our Roughrider Head Football Coach Doug Frye. Doug is returning to St Marys after

a very successful run at Wapakoneta.



Coach Frye talked about re-establishing good habits that he feels are important for building a successful football program. He thanked Rotary for its support of the Roughrider Football program and for its efforts toward improving the quality of life in the St Marys Community.

Coach talked about his goals for this season...

- Establish positive habits
- Grow the team roster
- Keep the team focused
- Build a stronger relations will all levels of the Roughrider football program
- Re-establish "Pride"

With the Sidney game coming up this Friday night, Coach Frye noted that Sidney has a very strong team with several standout players that are a concern for St Marys. Sidney is coached by one of his former players Adam Donges. "Adam is a good coach and will challenge us on both offense and defense".

Coach also talked briefly about the improvements in player safety as it related to the issue of concussions. He said helmet technology is vastly improved. That along with an increased emphasis on tackling techniques has helped to minimize the risks as much as possible. He noted however that football will always have risks.

## Proposed Member

The Board proposes Zach Ferrell and Rebecca Oeltjenbruns for membership. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Don, Robbie or Randy.

## Queen of Hearts

Ron Gorby had the winning ticket, and he even drew a Queen...but it was the wrong Queen.

## Upcoming Programs

- 9-03 Erica Noneman-  
Obedience Trainer
- 9-10 Sister City Delegates

## Upcoming Greeters

- 9-03 Robbie Burke
- 9-10 John Coe

*\*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.