



The Cog

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Call to Order

President Randy Elsass called the meeting to order and Alex Pittman offered the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests/Birthdays

We welcomed Jan Heinrich, guest of Jim, and Beverly Fledderjohann, guest of Keith. In addition, we had a sizable group of family and friends--including Dan Noneman and Justin Noneman--who joined the meeting to hear the presentation of our speaker, Erica Noneman. We also sang "Happy Birthday" to Dick Hudson.

Happy Dollars

President Randy was happy for his 36th anniversary. Kathy Sampson was happy for today's program and Don H.'s announcing of the Rider football game. Tami Sanford gave

additional dollars for Erica's program, for the chance to be a dog sitter, and also for the "Tailgate for Cancer" fundraiser. Ron Gorby gave a dollar for the sale of his house and Don Hinckley gave two dollars for the Riders and the Buckeyes.

Announcements

The following announcements were provided for Club members:

- A total of 360 dictionaries were delivered at the old West School--a great program & good publicity for Rotary
- Induction of three new members anticipated at next week's meeting
- SummerFest proceeds tallied up to \$923--thanks to all who helped
- Club directories will be updated soon. See Keith Fledderjohann if you have new info to include. If you want a new picture, see Jeff Squire.

Program

President-Elect Kathy Sampson introduced today's speaker, Erica Noneman, who is the daughter of Beth and Dan Noneman.

Erica is a 2006 graduate of Memorial High School. Because of her love of dogs, she enrolled in National K9 Learning Center to become a dog trainer--considered by her to be a "dream job". She went on to graduate from their Masters Training Course and was then offered a position working directly with National as a Trainer/Instructor.

Located in Columbus, OH, National K9 Learning Center was established in 1975 and offers a full range of dog obedience courses as well as training programs for utility and service dogs.



Erica brought three of her dogs to demonstrate the training techniques used and the proven results of these techniques. In Erica's experience, these techniques work with all dogs, regardless of breed, size, or age. However, Erica admitted that she often faces more obstacles with 'training' owners as opposed to their dogs.

When starting a new training assignment, Erica meets with the client, encouraging all family members to participate to ensure consistent application of the proper techniques. Training programs stress the use of praise and attention (vs. food or treats) as the 'positive consequences' that reinforce the desired behaviors.

Erica went on to explain the details of the foundational training for

younger dogs, "Puppy Pre-School" (8 week course), as well as the Basic Obedience Course that normally runs for 16 weeks. Lessons normally cost \$90 per hour with a full program ranging from about \$400-\$1,800--depending on the training objectives.

It's very evident that Erica loves her job and even had positive things to say about misunderstood breeds like pit bulls. In fact she urges owners to learn as much as they can about their dog breed in advance to better understand their natural traits and how best to train them.

Queen of Hearts

Today's drawing was for \$12, but the Queen got away again.

Upcoming Programs

- 9-10 Sister City Organization delegates--regarding their recent trip
- 9-17 Robert Vogel, representing Vogel Dynamics
- 9-24 Mayor Patrick McGowan, representing the City of St. Marys

Upcoming Greeters

- 9-10 John Coe
- 9-17 Pat Cogan
- 9-24 Susan Crotty

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

The meeting was adjourned after the recitation of the "Four Way Test".

