



## The Cog

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### Call to Order

President Randy Elsass called the meeting to order and Ken Strickland offered the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Kraig Noble led the singing of "This Land Is Your Land." We sang Happy Birthday to Travis Elsass, Bill Maki, and Linda Vogel.

### Guests

Our guests today was Jan Heinrich, Guest of Jim Heinrich.

### Happy Dollars

Our Happy Rotarians today included President Randy Elsass, Kraig Noble, Jim Heinrich, Travis Elsass, Don Hinckley, Susan Crotty, Marty Dodrill, Bill Maki, Gayle Masonbrink, Rita Hilty, and Ken Strickland.

### Fines

Ellen Hunter was our "Fine Mistress" today. Her trivia subject was our own Gayle Masonbrink. When the dust settled we all knew a little bit more about Gayle and the following Rotarians paid the appropriate fine when they could not answer the Gayle trivia questions to Ellen's satisfaction...Alex Pittman, Keith Fledderjohann, Mike Makely, Tami Sanford, Allen Baskett, Dan Burke, and Ken Strickland. Group fine for anyone who did not go to Vegas this month or who got less than 5 hours of sleep last night.

### Announcements

The following announcements were provided for Club members:

- Grand Lake Marathon weekend so watch out for the more than 1,800 runners who will be on our roadways on Saturday.
- Oct 28<sup>th</sup> Halloween Parade...Be There...Be On Time!
- Board meeting next week.
- Roughrider Seniors will be joining us next week.

### Program

Vice President Kathy Sampson introduced St Marys Police Chief Mark Ernst. Mark has been a police officer for over 25 years. Mark became St Marys Chief of Police just a couple of days before Christmas 2013. He did not feel that he needed to make any significant changes to the day to day operations when he became chief. But he did share some of his goals for the department.

- ✓ Establish a school Resource Officer.
- ✓ Re-Introduce the K-9 Program
- ✓ Axillary Officer Program
  - Ride-A-Longs
  - Special Details
  - School Events Security
  - Community Events Security



The City of St. Marys operates a full-time Police Department with 15 full-time State Certified Law Enforcement Officers, four full-time Dispatchers, and Administrative Assistant who also serves as Code Enforcement Officer and Parking Enforcement Officer, and elementary School Crossing Guards. The Department provides 24-hour coverage to the citizens of our community utilizing six marked video equipped patrol cars. Officers also patrol on motorcycle, bicycle and on foot.

Officers have specialized training in such areas as accident reconstruction, polygraph examination, crime scene processing, drug investigations and crime prevention to name a few. The Department is also an active member of the Grand Lake Task Force.

It is the mission of the City of St. Marys Police Department to enhance the quality of life in our community by working in partnership with the citizens of the community to enforce the laws, preserve the peace, and provide a safe environment for our residents and visitors to live and work. The City of St. Marys Police Department is dedicated to fulfilling this expectation to the community by maintaining a professional, pro-active law enforcement agency through community oriented policing, established professional standards, quality training programs, and community relations.

### Queen of Hearts

Jim Heinrich won the drawing, but the Queen got away yet again.

### Upcoming Programs

- 10- 1 Megan Burke & Robert Sprague
- 10- 8 Galen Cisco

*\* 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".

