



# 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. Jeff Squire led the singing of "America." There were no birthdays. We were joined today by Lima Rotarian Jim Mason, Chris Honefanger, guest of Robbie Burke, Owen Wittington, guest of Ellen Hunter, Jan Heinrich, guest of Jim Heinrich, and Principal Bill Ruane brought Luke Gossard, Madison Miley, Beth Hertenstein, Megan Hertenstein, Eric Mielke, Austin Quellhorst and Issac Fitzgerald as our senior class visitors.

## Happy Dollars

President Randy was happy that the club's grant requests were filed, Dan Burke for today's speaker and

the golf team, Robbie Burke for today's speaker and for Chris Honefanger being with us today, Ellen Hunter for her guest and for being part of the Evening Leaders 20 under 40, Marty Dodrill for the weather, Gayle Masonbrink for our high school visitors today and the four Rotarians in the 20 under 40 list, Frank Klatt for speaking about the Cold War to high school kids, Tim Dicke for our high school visitors, and Sue Pittman with greetings from Loraine Fischio.

## Fines

Travis Elsass did the fining and did Oktoberfest questions. He fined Jeff Squire for cheating, Jon Kraner, Dan Burke, Sue Pittman, Julie Kraner, Shawn Brown, and Zach Ferrall for not knowing his or her question.

## Announcements

DUES ARE DUE.....

The Halloween Parade is October 28. Meet in the Chestnut Street Parking Lot around 5:00. Everyone has a job so it is important that everyone comes.

If you need a Rotary shirt, contact Don Hinckley or Russell Hampton...

Robbie Burke announced that the District is hosting a membership seminar on October 25 at the Kalahari. If you wish to learn more about membership, see Robbie for details.

## Program

President Elect Kathy Sampson introduced our program today. Megan Burke is the daughter of our

own PP Dan Burke as is currently working with the House Republican Re-election Committee in Columbus. She brought State Representative Robert Sprague with her to talk about the legislative process and some things going on in the State House.



Megan attended Ohio University and got interested in politics. She worked on Rep. Sprague's campaign and has worked as an aide and now she works with the Speaker on the reelection committee. On her first day at the State House when she met her boss the Speaker she told him right away that he needed to work on the Grand Lake St. Marys pollution issue. She blames Sen. Faber for her passion on that issue but her attitude is all her own.

While she worked as a legislative aide for Rep. Sprague one of her jobs was citizen contact. She related stories about learning real people's issues and the struggles that they have and that they asked the government to help with. In one example a citizen contact lead to legislation on drug addiction issues and state funding.

Rep. Sprague continued the story and talked about how issues, such as

the heroin epidemic, come before members of the State House. Members take those issues to committee, which hears from people and interest groups about the issue and ways to help. The Legislature will pass the bills and the governor will sign them into law. Currently, they are working on rules to make it harder for drug users to doctor shop and to make it easier for health care workers to dispose of unused prescription medication.

## Proposed Member

Chris Honefanger has been proposed for membership. If you have any questions, contact Robbie Burke or Don Hinckley.

## Queen of Hearts

Sue Pittman won the drawing, but the Queen got away again.

## Upcoming Programs

- 10-8 Galen Cisco Award
- 10-15 Amanda Newlove and the Peace Corp.
- 10-22 Otterbein
- 10-29 Rotary Foundation

## Upcoming Greeters

- 10-8 Tim Dicke
- 10-15 Travis Elsass
- 10-22 Keith Fledderjohann
- 10-29 Zach Ferrall

*\* 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".

