



## The Cog

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### Call to Order

President Randy Elsass called the meeting to order and Rev. Maki offered the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. A very appropriate song of "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" filled the room. There were no birthdays. Guests today were: Derek Jay, Drew Jacobs, Randy & Jennifer Spencer, Henry Spencer, Chris Honefanger, Nathan Wilker and Tim Rammel. Visiting Rotarians were Brian Engle, Cal Caywood, and Jan Heinrick.

### Happy Dollars

Don Hinckley was happy about the football game, Sue Pittman for a chance at the queen and the artist from Cuba at the library, Dan Burke for "golf outing news of qualifiers", Kraig Noble for Galen Cisco, NY trips and Rutgers & Michigan game, Frank Klatt enjoying the 5 1/2 months being with us and is going to Florida and for "Coach" Cisco! Ken Strickland for Galen being here, for Drew being here, Jeff Squire for watching football from the RR tracks and beating Celina. Ellen announced that Paige Canfield is closing her business.

### Fines

Rev. Maki led the fining by asking Baseball Trivia. The fines included Jeff Vossler, Dan Hinkley, Travis Elsass, Jeff Squire, Tami Sanford and Robbie Burke

(who answered correctly!) Fines were given out to those who did not have Reds season tickets and/or who did not play catch!

### Announcements

\*Directory pages are available.

\*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.

\*Coupons are available for Bob Evans.

\*Bring in Coats to donate.

\*Saturday, Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> planting flowers

\*Game films at Otterbein St Marys.

\*New Year's Day Rotary float for Rose Bowl Parade picture. Theme: "Changing lives through clean water".

**\*Brian Engle presented Rotary with a trophy (to keep) for the Little League team runners-up!**

### Program

President Elect Kathy Sampson introduced our program today. Galen Cisco "stepped up" to the mike and began his talk by telling us this is his "50<sup>th</sup>" year that he has been doing this! His comments were brief to be sure there was time for questions. He talked about the playoffs. Did not give a prediction but did say he didn't think there would be any "blowouts" because the pitching is great! He said that Kansas has the most speed and beat the Angels who had the most wins. But you never know...A few of the questions he was asked: Black & white on the plate, Beam of light to show strikes, (to which Galen said he would rather have an umpire to argue with), his mentor is Jack Bickel and he also spoke about his grandchildren. Kathy stopped the questions and surprised Galen by the following: "Galen was asked if our Family of Rotary might throw a banquet in his honor,

honoring his 50 years. Of course with Galen being the humble man that he is he replied "no". But we simply could not go without acknowledging it in some way. As I was looking at things for the program today for Galen I happened to come across something that our Friend Buz Howard wrote in his book "Roughrider Retrospective ". It goes as follows: Jack Bickel coached (football) in St. Marys for just four seasons, before moving on to a pay raise in Piqua in 1954... An avid story-teller, Bickel can still relate tales from his Army experience as a paratrooper in the Pacific in World War II, and from his experience as a player at Miami University under coaches Sid Gillman and Woody Hayes. But his favorite stories still go back to St. Marys. "I was asked at a coaching clinic to step up to a chalk-board and write down my three most successful plays. I wrote: "Number One: Give the ball to Galen Cisco, Number two: Give the ball to Galen Cisco. Number Three ---Oh, you get the idea." ...Galen Cisco. As St. Marys Sports fans well know, Galen went on to Ohio State to become a stellar two-way performer for the Buckeyes, playing both fullback and linebacker. Cisco was the captain of the Buckeyes 1958 National Championship team. It was a condition of his signing with Ohio State that Galen would be permitted to pitch for the Buckeye baseball team in the spring, thus missing spring football --- a rare concession by Coach Woody Hayes. Cisco then went on to a long major-league baseball career, first as a pitcher for the Red Sox and the Mets, and then as a pitching coach for several different teams, including World Champion Toronto Blue Jays in 1992 and 1993. There can't be many other athletes, if any, who can boast both a NCAA National Football Championship ring and a World Series, ring. Galen Cisco was inducted into the Ohio State University Athletic Hall of Fame in 1995. As you can see many, many people in the past and the present think of Galen as something special, even though he would probably dispute that! All of us here in this room certainly cherish him. Just a few evenings ago as I was reading

before slipping into bed I came across this quote and thought how fitting it was for today.

It reads, The meaning of life is to find your special gift that God has given you. And the purpose of that gift is to give it away. Blessed are those who can give without remembering and take without forgetting. That in a nutshell is our Galen. If I was asked to step up to a white board and write down three things which describe Galen, I would write the first word - Humble! The second word, Noble! And lastly, Treasure. That is what Galen is to this wonderful community of St. Marys, a Treasure! So Galen, please give all of us as Rotarians a moment to honor you for your past 50 years!" *Galen was presented with a "50" year award!*  
**Galen presented the 2014 Galen Cisco Outstanding Player Award to Henry Spencer. Congratulations!**



### Queen of Hearts

Rick Green won the drawing, but the Queen got away again.

### Upcoming Programs

10-22 Otterbein

10-29 Rotary Foundation

### Upcoming Greeters

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".

