



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. Alex Pittman led the singing of "Viva La Rotary." There were no birthdays. We were joined today by Jack Brown, a guest of Robbie Burke, and a young Luke Ashman, a guest of Mark Ashman.

Happy Dollars

President Randy was happy that the election was over so the political ads would go away again, Don Hinckley for our program today and his daughter's employment at Miami, Bill Maki for today's speaker and for his mobile app now at the Amazon store, Dick Hudson for his chance at the Queen, Jeff Squire for a long but successful day working the polls, Mark Ashman for the girls'

volleyball team and for his son having lunch with him today, Ellen Hunter for her husband's new job at Ford, and Kathy Sampson for veteran Pat Cogan willing to do the introductions next week.

Fines

Ellen did the fining today. She initially fined Alex Pittman for singing way to low and slow and Travis for messing up his greeter duties. Then she did Jon Kraner trivia. Chris Honefanger, Ron Gorby, Mike Makley, Carl Dammeyer, Allen Baskett, Shawn Brown, Mark Ashman, Marty Dodrill, Pat Cogan, Robbie Burke and Gary Newton all failed, with Marty failing epically. Linda Haines, Sue Pittman and Rita Hilty either knew the answers or guessed well.

Announcements

DUES ARE DUE.....

Pres. Randy announced that attendance for October was over 50%, which for the way that is calculated was pretty good. Keep it up.

December 10 will be an evening meeting for the kids with Santa. Our usual gift exchange will be December 17. More details on all of this to follow.

Best guess was that there were 274 children in the Halloween Parade. We are working on a better way to get a more accurate count for next year.

Anyone interested in chairing the Administrative Professionals Day please see Randy.

MESA has closed on the new warehouse. Jim Heinrich will be

providing more details at a later date with a bit of a fund raiser ask.

Program

President Elect Kathy Sampson introduced our program today. Dan Hegemeier is the varsity basketball coach for the Roughriders, and has been the head coach now for six seasons. He has been a coach for over 33 years and has three state titles on his resume. He started by praising the Fall sports at Memorial and hoping that the success continues into the Winter sports



Dan says that what the team needs most is size. He keeps hoping that the community will breed bigger ball players. The team has four returning starters and he said that he has good students and good skill players. He just needs some more size.

Most of his players are in a Fall sport, and he will get the full team to practice this upcoming Friday. They did a basketball camp for ten days in June and he was pleased with the way they played.

He talked about the basketball pipeline and the help he is getting from parents and his assistant coaches. He has good skill players coming up and he hopes to field a full freshman team this year.

If the players stay healthy they should have a good year. They have added a few new teams to the schedule. There were no real rule changes this year but they did restructure the tournament. Getting a high seed is more important than ever.

Proposed Member

Tom Burke from Kroger had returned to the area and has been proposed for membership. If you have any questions, contact Robbie Burke or Don Hinckley.

Queen of Hearts

Rita Hilty won the drawing, but the Queen got away again.

Upcoming Programs

11-12 Veteran's Day Program
11-19 Polio Plus
11-26 Thanksgiving Program

Upcoming Greeters

11-12 Ron Gorby
11-19 Rick Green
11-26 Linda Haines
12-3 Jon Halll

** 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".

