



## The Cog

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### Call to Order

President Randy Elsass called the meeting to order and Sue Pittman offered the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Jeff Squire led us in song with "Rotary, My Rotary". Happy Birthday was sung to Mark Ashman. No visitors or guests today.

### Happy Dollars

Jeff Squire was happy that Northwestern beat Notre Dame, Don Hinckley was happy for a successful move, Marty Dodrill is happy about BBQ, Sue Pittman is happy for Tom Petter and happy that Santa will be at the library open house on Dec.1<sup>st</sup>, Jack Brown was happy for his first official day at St. Marys Rotary, Tami Sanford was happy for a wonderful trip to Aruba and Jim Heinrich was happy for World Toilet Day.

### Fines

Travis Elsass led the fining with "The Blizzard of 78" Trivia. Fines were given to Jack Brown for not knowing the date that the blizzard started, Alisher Khudaykulov for not knowing the date it ended, John Kraner for not knowing how many inches of snow we had, Mick Temen for not knowing how many National Guards were called upon and Marty Dodrill for not knowing that OSU, Miami & Purdue all had something in common during that blizzard, which was they all closed their campuses. Susan Crotty was not fined because she knew that they used 4 wheelers to drive the doctors during the blizzard. All were fined if they were alive during the blizzard of '78!

### Announcements

*\* Join us for our First Annual Evening Christmas Meeting*

*When- December 10<sup>th</sup>*

*6:00 p.m.*

*Where - Eagles*

*Special Guest - Santa*

*Please bring your children, grandchildren or a neighbor child!*

*We want to celebrate with the little ones!*

*Please RSVP by December 1<sup>st</sup> with your guest count!*

*Respond by email or contact Mark Ashman*

*\*The adult Christmas exchange will be December 17<sup>th</sup> at our regular time. 3 Steals \$20 Gift*

\*Orientation program sometime in January

\*Need Volunteers for Thanksgiving lunch at school.

\*MESA is getting warehouse

\*No Rotary Dec.24<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>.

### President Randy Elsass presents Harry Hoovenga Polio Plus representative with a \$1000.00 donation from St Marys Rotary Club



### Program

Harry Hooyenga from Perrysburg was our guest speaker. He gave us a Polio Plus update. His message is the need to help to eradicate Polio everywhere. As of now, we are 99.9% of the countries around the globe that are Polio free! There are three places that continue to deal with this monstrosity. In Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nigeria, 18 cases are known. The hardest place to try and help is Pakistan. We aren't allowed to go there because, sadly, they think we want to kill their children. Somalia is down to 5 cases at this time. Harry is planning on an immunization trip to India next year. Harry continued to explain that Type 3 had been gone for a long time now and Type 2 was gone in 1999. The only type left is Type 1. They have an "End Game" strategy plan by 2018 and will need \$1.5 Billion to do this! A major problem is that healthcare workers are killed doing immunizations. "Here's what we can do: Build awareness, Reach out and Encourage Advocacy".

One campaign in the works is Bill Gates will triple every dollar that Rotary commits to Polio Plus. Coca Cola is also helping in the fight. Each club has been asked to donate \$1,000.00 and each member to donate \$25.00 per year. Jeff Squire asked how long it takes for a country to be considered free of Polio. Harry said 3 years. Let's do our part to end this!



### Queen of Hearts

Dick Hudson had the winning ticket for the drawing but the Queen got away again.

### Upcoming Programs

11/26 Krista Sanford-Thanksgiving

12/3 John & Julie Kraner

12/10 Santa & Kids (6:00pm)

### Upcoming Greeters

11/26 Linda Haines

12/3 Jon Hall

12/10 Kevin Harlan

*\* 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".

