



The Cog

Rotary Club No. 3503

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Call to Order

President Randy Elsass called the meeting to order followed by Alex Pitman giving the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Guests/Birthdays

Guests included Jared Mauch of the Daily Standard and Jan Heinrich guest of her husband Jim Heinrich.

Visiting Rotarian was Connie Backland, Club Henderson, N.C. where she served as past president.

The Club sang to the only member with a birthday- Kevin Harlan.

Jeff Squire led the group in song, "ALL HAIL TO ROTARY!"

Happy Dollars

Randy Elsass started the Happy Dollars with getting some great golf in and telling us about the weather in Florida. He also warned us about the winter weather coming our way. GET MILK & BREAD!

Mike Makley announced the Builder of Bridges award that went to Jim Heinrich. Congratulations Jim!

Sue Pittman gave Library news.

Linda Haines and Tim Dicke also congratulated Jim Heinrich on his Builder of Bridges award.

Hodge Drake was pleased to announce that Otterbein St Mary's TREE OF HOPE was a huge success raising over \$36,000.00 for Benevolent Care.

Connie Backland "How 'bout those Buckeyes?!"

Robbie Burke thanked everyone for electing her as a board member, congratulated Jim Heinrich and was thankful for Kathy's news and that they were on their way home.

Fines

Randy Elsass was given the first fine for complaining about the snow!

Kevin Harlan: no time off for Jeff.

Dan Burke and Kraig Noble: not wearing their badges. But then Randy had to pay Kraig's fine!

Robbie Burke: who started Rotarian Review?

Trisha Barnes: knew the cover story.

Jeff Squire: which club was featured... Monrovia

Alex Pittman: sanitation was discussed.

Linda Haines: % of people fluently speaking 2nd languages... 26%.

Zack Ferrall: Europe and their %? He was so close with his answer of 63% that his fine was cut to .50 cents. The answer was 64%.

Anyone who had not been in Chicago when the temperature was below 10 degrees was told to put in \$1.00!

Announcements

Super Bowl Pool! \$5 per square!

New Member Orientation will be at 5:30 PM, on Wed., February 4th, at J.T.'s in St. Marys. The Club will cover the cost of drinks/appetizers. Any member who would like to update their knowledge of Rotary is welcome to join the new members for this event.

Thank you from the Lawler Family.

Tim Reilly sent a thank you for having him as Santa.

Luke Zimmerman sent a thank you for his scholarship.

Students will be here at the next meeting.

Wapak Rotary Wine Tasting and Dinner is Saturday, February 14th

Eshmeyer Farm is closing for now as she has been appointed as Nutrition Counselor to the President.

Program



Our speaker today was our very own **Jim Heinrich!** He brought great information about MESA. That stands for MEDICAL EQUIPMENT SUPPLIES ABROAD. The 2015-16 theme for MESA is BE A GIFT TO THE WORLD.

M.E.S.A. - Medical Equipment and Supplies Abroad was formed in 1981 by the Rotary Clubs of Northwest Ohio District 6600. It is a 501c3 non-profit organization. If you are a Rotarian, you are an automatic member of MESA.

The only paid member is Director Jerry Davis. **Our Vision:**

To be the best service organization in engaging and facilitating partnerships between Rotary clubs to meet humanitarian needs. **Our Mission:** To facilitate international service projects bringing equipment, technology and volunteerism to meet humanitarian needs throughout the world.

How is MESA supported? Voluntary MESA Dues collected at \$6.00/member generates about \$16,000 annually. MESA Bike Ride generates about \$40,000 to \$50,000 annually. Miscellaneous Contributions vary around \$10,000 to

\$20,000 annually. Total income ranges from \$65,000 to \$85,000 annually.

Where does the money go? Shipping varies from \$30,000 to \$50,000 annually. Rent for the Warehouse is currently \$13,000 annually. The payroll for the Operations Director is \$24,000. Miscellaneous expenses vary from \$10,000 to \$15,000 annually. Current and recent MESA projects are Resource Centers International in Belize & Jamaica. Water & Power project for Haiti. Money also goes toward hospital beds & equipment for Mongolia and Medical equipment for Honduras.

Donation caveats are: Equipment must be in working order and have manuals included. Donated medication and supplies must not be expired. MESA cannot certify dollar values of donated items. Deliver items to the MESA warehouse when possible and no perishables, please.

MESA has found a new property for \$70,000. Closed on the property October 31, 2014 and are now moved in to 2 buildings 26,000 sq. ft.

Please be a donor for a worthy cause!
Queen of Hearts

Robbie Burke won the drawing but the queen lives.

Upcoming Program

Troy Anderson

Upcoming Greeters

1/28 Bob Leugers

2/4 Bill Maki

2/11 Mike Makley

*** Please note: All Rotarians scheduled to greet, please be in place by 11:30 a.m.**

The meeting was adjourned after recitation of the "Four Way Test".

