



## The Cog

Rotary Club No. 3503  
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February 25, 2015

### Call to Order

President-Elect Kathy Sampson called the meeting to order followed by Allen Baskett giving the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

### Guests

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

### Birthdays

A rousing song of Happy Birthday was sung to Dan Burke.

### Song

Ellen led the group in a song & dance version of "THE HOKEY POKEY"!

### Happy Dollars

Our Happy Rotarians included Jeff Squire-good friend from New Orleans and pralines from New Orleans!

Dan Hosek- welcoming 2<sup>nd</sup> grandchild and having older sister at their house who wore them out. Linda Vogel- husband went to Boston. Robbie Burke- Happy Birthday to brother Dan and she is still the youngest! Had a good time in Florida. Happy for the speaker, Chief Doug Ayers. Linda Haines- husband retiring. Julie Kraner- enjoyed 85 degrees.

### Fines

Travis Elsass handed out fines to Ellen Hunter, Sue Pittman, Jack Brown and Chris Honefanger with interesting facts about Australia.

### Announcements

**Paul Harris Foundation +2 Recognition** was presented to Pat Cogan by Jeff Squire.

**A check was presented** to Hodge Drake and Rita Hilty representing Otterbein St Marys, for the Life Enrichment Center.



### Program

Our guest speaker was Fire Chief, Doug Ayers. He has been with the department for 16 years, with roles as captain and now chief.



Chief Ayers gave a run-down of the past year beginning with promotions and replacements throughout the department. He talked about No Shave November, a friendly competition to raise money for the Aug. Co. Cancer Assoc. Next he spoke of the trainings that took place including a joint active threat training called 'Rescue Task Force'. It is a task force combination of law enforcement and EMS to enter a potentially dangerous area to pull victims out. An example is during a school shooting.

The department continues to explore community outreach. Improving communications is a priority.

Chief Ayers continued with introducing the members of the Fire Department and their roles. He next gave an inventory of the equipment they have; 3 Engines, 1 Ladder, 1 Brush Truck, 1 Boat 3 Ambulances, 2 Support Trucks, and 1 Command Vehicle.

In 2014, the SMFD provided over 1,563 services. Additional services provided by the department are: CPR/First Aid

Blood Borne Pathogens training, Operation Safeguard, Blood Pressure Checks, Home Fire Inspections, Fire Prevention Week, Juvenile Fire Setter Counseling, Fire Hydrant Testing and Fire Inspections.

Chief Ayers stated, "The SMFD will continue the positive progress of the department and will continue to deliver top quality service the citizens deserve and expect." "I am reminded daily of the great work the SMFD provides this community. I am proud of the work we do and am thankful for the support we receive from our community."

### Queen of Hearts

Jeff Vossler won the drawing but the queen lives.

### Upcoming Programs

3/4 Andrea Cahill "Hard Target"  
3/11 John Pfeffenberger NCAA Analyst  
3/18 Dane Marsee- OSU Access Control Coordinator

### Upcoming Greeters

3/4 Kent Miller  
3/11 Gary Newton

*\* 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".

