



# The Cog

**Rotary Club No. 3503  
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### Call to Order

President Randy Elsass opened the meeting and Hodge Drake offered the invocation, followed by the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Guests/Song/Birthdays

We welcomed Jan Heinrich, guest of Jim Heinrich.

Kraig Noble led the club in singing "You're A Grand Old Flag". We also sang Happy Birthday to Hodge Drake.

### Happy Dollars

Our Happy Rotarians today included Linda Haines, Susan Pittman, Randy Elsass, Tami Sampson, Bill Maki, and Craig Noble.

### Fines

Ellen Hunter had a series of group fines that included...

- Anyone who did not notice that Ellen was wearing Dick Hudson's name badge.
- Anyone who did not donate to the Hospice Event.
- Anyone who has not had a child go through Kindergarten Screening this week.
- Anyone who has not watched any of the NCAA Tournament games yet.

### Announcements

- Rotary District Conference at Kalahari Resort (4/16/15)
- Professional Asst's Day (4/22/15)
- Rotary District Assembly in St. Marys (5/16/15); see R. Elsass if you can help out at this event
- Community World Workshop at Defiance College (5/14-5/16/15); theme is "Brazil"; 4 local students to attend
- Business Person's Breakfast at the Library (4/2/15).
- Board meeting next week.
- The High School students will be joining us next week.

### Nomination

Randy entertained a motion from Don Hinkley to elect Ellen Hunter as our incoming Rotary Club Vice-President. Rick Green seconded Don's motion, and the motion was approved by all club members present.

### Today's Program

We were happy to have Anita Green, Executive Director of the Farm Service Agency of Auglaize County. Anita shared information about our county and state agriculture.

In Ohio, agriculture is a huge industry. One in seven Ohioans are employed in the food and agriculture industry which contributes over \$98 billion to the state's economic growth.

Ohio's top commodities include: soybeans, corn, wheat, tomatoes, cucumbers, grapes, Swiss cheese and egg production.

The Farm Service Agency's national administrative functions are managed in Washington, D.C. Computational and statistical work is done in Kansas City. Implementation of farm policy through FSA programs is the responsibility of field offices based in states, counties and territories.



### FSA Mission

Farm Service Agency is equitably serving all farmers, ranchers, and agricultural partners through the delivery of effective, efficient agricultural programs for all Americans.

### Agency/Internal Vision

A customer-driven agency with a diverse and multi-talented work force, dedicated to achieving an

economically and environmentally sound future for American Agriculture.

### Societal/External Vision

A market oriented, economically and environmentally sound American agriculture delivering an abundant, safe, and affordable food and fiber supply while sustaining quality agricultural communities.

### Values

The foundation of FSA's mission and vision rests upon the USDA's long-standing core values of Strong Ethics; Customer Service, Team Work; Inclusive Decision-Making; and Fiscal Responsibility.

### Queen of Hearts

Brad Seitz drew for the Queen, but alas...he met "The Joker".

### Upcoming Programs

4/1 Sue Pittman on the upcoming Library issue

### Upcoming Greeters

4/1 Susan Pittman  
4/8 Kathy Sampson  
4/15 Tami Sanford

*\* 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".

