



The Cog

Rotary Club No. 3503
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Call to Order

President Randy Elsass opened the meeting and Allen Baskett offered the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Guests/Song/Birthdays

There were no visiting Rotarians, but we welcomed Kris Hall (guest of Jon), Jan Heinrich (guest of Jim Heinrich), and Jared Mauch (Daily Standard).

Jeff Squire led the singing of "In the Good Old Summer Time". No members with birthdays were in attendance.

Happy Dollars/Fines

Randy Elsass was happy for the Club's Professional Assistants Day (thanks to the Committee). Alisher Khudaykulov was happy for MTO's

15th year celebration with employees. Don Hinckley gave a dollar for the Roughrider win over Celina. Dan Burke kicked in money for Phil Schumann doing play-by-play for the baseball game. Tami Sanford was glad for the end of tax season and for her daughter's upcoming wedding. Alex Pittman added his dollar while putting in a plug for the Library levy—get out and vote. Julie Kraner was happy for her daughter's college graduation, although her trip to Nepal was cancelled due to the recent earthquake.

As Finer-of-the-Day, Ellen Hunter asked the Club a series of questions that helped us get to know more about Susan Crotty. We learned that Susan was born in Portsmouth, OH and graduated from Lucasville H.S. as her class valedictorian in 1983. She then graduated from Ohio State University with a major in Economics and a minor in Fashion Design. In her spare time, Susan enjoys spending time with her nephew, traveling, and nature photography. We also learned how to pronounce the word, 'Appalachian'.

Announcements

- Thank-you notes received from Michaella Huber (and her mother, Kelly) for the chance to work on the Rotary Nature Park
- Rotary Institute was cancelled
- Scholarship Committee has been reviewing credentials of 28 applicants and have been amazed at their qualifications, making it a tough selection process
- Rotary Board Meeting scheduled for 10:45 AM, on 5/6/15
- MHS students joining on 5/6/15

Program

We were happy to have one of our own members, Chris Honefanger, address

our Club this day. Chris is employed by the Black Swamp Area Boy Scout council and serves as Executive Director for the Old Sycamore district that includes Auglaize and Mercer counties. The Black Swamp Area Council is headquartered in Findlay, Ohio and the Old Sycamore district is one of six districts covering 13 counties in northwest Ohio.



Chris explained that our scouting programs can trace their roots back to England. In 1908, Lord Robert Baden-Powell started the first boy scouting program and he wrote the first handbook, "Scouting for Boys", as well. The interest in scouting spread to the United States and the Boy Scouts of America was founded in 1909.

Since then, scouting has become an international movement. In the United States alone, nearly 3 million boys from ages 6 to 20 participate in Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venturing programs. The Black Swamp Area Council serves over 7,100 youth, with about 1,000 participating in 35 different groups within Auglaize and Mercer counties.

Chris helps promote and lead a wide variety of district programs. He manages finances, coordinates the work of adult volunteers, and has taken a special interest in training and education.

It's difficult to imagine a more worthwhile mission than the one chosen by the Boy Scouts of America:

"...to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law."

In support of this mission, scouts pledge their duty to God and country, to other people, and to self. The Black Swamp Area Council has certainly exemplified this 'duty to other people', providing more than 3,668 community service hours in 2014.

We hope you will consider assisting the Scouts--as a volunteer, through the "Friends of Scouting" program, or through popcorn sales and other fundraising events.

Queen of Hearts

Dan Burke had the lucky ticket, but drew the wrong queen (spades).

Upcoming Programs

5/6 Chuck Wolfe, Director,
Family Promise

Upcoming Greeters

5/6 Ken Strickland
5/13 Mick Teman
5/20 Linda Vogel
5/27 Jeff Vossler

** 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".

