

The Cog

Rotary Club No. 3503 P. O. Box 544, St. Marys, OH 45885 www.stmarysrotary.org May 13, 2015

Call to Order

President Randy Elsass called the meeting to order followed by bill Maki offering the invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all. We were visited today by Collin Earl, a guest of Chris Honefanger and Jan Heinrich, a guest of Jim Heinrich.

Song

Jeff Squire led us in "America." We sang "Happy Birthday" to Mick Teman.

Happy Dollars

Randy was happy to transport our World Community Workshop student in his Porsche, Dan Hosek for the program today, Don Hinckley for the scholarship awards presentation, Dan Burke for the St. Marys baseball team and for his son Collin named as Mr. MHS and speaking at Commencement, Frank Klatt with his egg timer was just happy, and

Bill Maki for his appointment as the Dean of the Mission District.

Fines

Bill Maki did fines today. He fined Sue Pittman for a library levy sign that was still in the room. He did this-day-in-history trivia. Tami Sanford, Trisha Barnes, Pat Cogan Robbie Burke, Don Hinckley, Gary Newton, Dan Hosek, all missed the answers. He then fined everyone who didn't have a graduating senior and everyone older that our speaker.

Announcements

- Randy presented a check to Arts Place for our club's donation
- Randy presented a check to Chris Honefanger for the Black Swamp Boy Scouts for our donation



- Randy read a thank you card from the Shriners for our donation
- Randy thanked Dan Burke for being the club's representative for opening day at little league.
- District Assembly is this Saturday. If you have agreed to help, please be there by 7:30.
- June 11 is the Annual Banquet. Please get your RSVP into Don or Randy ASAP.

Program

Dan Hosek introduced our speaker today. Bill Ruane graduated from Memorial High School in 2000. After getting his education at Miami and Wright State he went into education. This is the end of his second year as principal of Memorial.



Bill thanked the Rotary club for all we do for the community and for the kids, specifically referring to the recent Prom Promenade, World Community Workshop, and especially inviting the senior class to lunch. He said it was a great way for the students to get introduced to civic responsibility.

Today Bill focused on a new STEM program that they are looking to offer at the high school. At the old building they had a Mod Tech program, but it did not move over to the new building as much of the tech was out of date. Modular programs are designed to give students actual hands on experience with technical jobs.

Bill says that high school is changing and that soon more kids will be offered tracks to prepare them for college or work. The school needs to provide STEM mods earlier in education so that the students can get a chance to see what is out there.

The school has been working with the Business Advisory Council to get the new program funded and running that the school. He showed a short video of a similar program at work in Celina. The program will help make students job ready out of high school for the jobs our employers need filled right now.

Queen of Hearts

Dick Hudson won the daily drawing but the Queen lives.

Upcoming Program

5-20 Jessica Storer

Upcoming Greeters

5-20 Linda Vogel 5-27 Jeff Vossler

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

