



## The Cog

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### Call to Order

President Randy Elsass called the meeting to order followed by Alex Pittman who offered the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Song

Kraig Noble led us in “My Country Tis of Thee.”

### Happy Dollars

We had a eleven Happy Rotarians today. Included in the “Happy Eleven” were Randy Elsass, Dan Burke, Frank Klatt, Kathy Sampson, Susan Crotty, Gayle Masonbrink, Dick Hudson, Beth Noneman, Linda Haines, Robbie Burke, and Travis Elsass.

### Fines

Travis Elsass handled the fines for today. His list was short but

effective...Group fines for the following...

- Anyone who did not attend District Assembly
- Anyone who did not take a trip to Mexico last week.

### Announcements

- Randy received Thank You letters from the following who received financial support from St Marys Rotary...
  - Arts Place
  - The American Legion
  - Auglaize Co. Crisis Center
- Randy thanked everyone who attended and helped out at District Assembly this past Saturday. If you missed it, you missed a great showing from our club. You also missed our club receiving the Presidential Citation Award. We were one of only 16 of the 63 clubs to be recognized.
- June 11 is the Annual Banquet. Please get your RSVP into Don or Randy ASAP.
- Randy thanked Mike Makley and the Rotary Scholarship Committee for their efforts on behalf of Rotary.

### Program

Kathy Sampson introduced our speaker today. Jessica Soroer, a 2006 graduated from Memorial High School, is a Program Coordinator for ASPECT, a not-for-profit organization that provides international study/experience opportunities for young people and host family opportunities for families here in our area. The Aspect Foundation was founded in 1985 as a small non-profit organization

offering affordable study abroad opportunities to students from around the world. ASPECT continues its mission today by providing a variety of outstanding educational and cultural exchange programs both in the United States and countries abroad. Students and host families alike have the opportunity to make lasting connections and meaningfully experience new cultures, traditions, and points of view.



People are the heart of Aspect Foundation. Cultural exchange at its core is a relationship between people, bringing us closer to the world and each other in personal, transformative ways. Aspect provides exchange experiences that offer unique global perspectives and encourage the confidence to make a difference in our interconnected world. Whether you are a high school student studying in a new and exciting place, a host family welcoming a new international member of the family, or a coordinator like Jessica, bringing exchange students to your local community, being a part of Aspect Foundation opens your world to new possibilities.

Although Aspect Foundation has grown in the last 30 years, it continues to be a closely connected extended family. It provides personal support, advice and friendship to each student and host family. The program adheres to strict standards for student and host family selection, and provides all participants with thorough preparation and training for this once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Aspect Foundation has been dedicated to excellence in cultural exchange and education programs since 1985. Whether you are a host family, coordinator, international student or natural parent, it is important to feel supported and excited about your exchange experience. Aspect Foundation is committed to doing just that.

For more info go to...<http://aspectfoundation.org/>.

### Queen of Hearts

Robbie Burke won the daily drawing but the Queen eluded her.

### Upcoming Program

5-27 Tim Eiting

### Upcoming Greeters

5-27 Jeff Vossler

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

