



The Cog

Rotary Club No. 3503
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Call to Order

President Randy Elsass called the meeting to order followed by Alex Pittman offering the invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all. We were visited today by Jan Heinrich, a guest of Jim Heinrich, and Renee Homan, a guest of Linda Haines.

Song

Jeff Squire led us in "Wait Till the Sun Shines Nellie." None of our birthdays were present.

Happy Dollars

Randy was happy for Linda Haines and the banquet committee, his wife's birthday, his son visiting and his upcoming trip to Louisville. Kathy Sampson was happy to have Ellen as her PE, Mike Makley for his 40th wedding anniversary, Ron Gorby for being in his new house and seven days of fishing in the Gulf, and Frank Klatt for his daughter's new job (at age 57).

Jon Hall gave \$35 dollars for each year in Rotary and thanked the club for his recognition at the Annual Banquet.

Fines

Ellen did the fining today. She initially got Jeff Squire and Beth Noneman for not wearing badges. She fined Tami Sanford for her potty mouth and exempted Jon Hall from all fines today. She did Jeff Squire trivia and extracted money from Zach Ferrall, Jim Heinrich, Julie Kramer, Chris Honefanger, Trisha Barnes, Ron Gorby, and Beth Noneman. Susan Crotty, Mark Ashman, Linda Haines and Mike Makley all guessed right.

Announcements

- Randy read a thank you card from some of our scholarship winners and from the Boy Scouts for our support of the Friends of Scouting campaign.
- Randy brought all the current board members to the front and thanked them for their service with a very useful and timely umbrella.
- Jeff announced that the first concert for the Rotary Summer Concert Series would be this Sunday, featuring the St. Marys Area Community Band.
- Gary Newton's installation as DG will be June 26th at 6:30 at the Lima Howard Johnson's.

Program

PE Kathy introduced Chuck Engel and Julie Metz as our presentation today. Chuck is the president of St. Marys' new Lion's Club and Julie is a

member. Their club supports and funds pilot dogs for blind people. Julie met a guide dog and knew that she wanted to raise a puppy. She and her husband Doug went to visit the pilot dog center in Columbus. There are 150 students and dogs matched each year. Julie and Doug decided to be puppy raisers.



When they got their puppy, Rider, he reminded Julie just how much trouble puppies could get into. Rider was actually in the prison program for a week before they could pick him up. Her cats were not amused.

The most important training that they do with the puppies is socialization. He needs to be exposed to lots of people and different situations. They have taken him to school, the grocery, the post office and are planning to take him to more

crowded places. He needs to get familiar with walking on different surfaces and to be comfortable in all situations.



They do take him to obedience school, but he is not taught tricks. He is trained to not beg, not eat people food, and to learn lots of patience. They learn down and stay, but the more intensive guide dog training starts when the dog is 12-14 months old.

Queen of Hearts

Ron Gorby won the daily drawing but the Queen lives.

Upcoming Greeters

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