



## The Cog

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### Call to Order

President Kathy Sampson opened the meeting and Hodge Drake gave the invocation. The Club then recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Song/Birthdays/Guests

Rita Hilty led the singing of "This Land is My Land" as well as "Happy Birthday" to Dan Hosek.

A long list of guests included: Dustin Noneman, Adele Walls, Ron Meyer, Andy Schmitmeyer, Rebecca Regnet, Bryan Cenky, Steve Eiting, Jan Heinrich, Kevin Wolfe, Erika Niemeyer, Lisa Inskip, Brian Seitz, Linn Pyles, Jay Albayyari, Julie Miller, and Jared Mauch.

Visiting Rotarians Jim Mason (Lima), Neil Esmonde (Crestview, FL) and Deb Zwez (Wapakoneta) also joined today's meeting.

### Happy Dollars/Fines

Ken Strickland gave a happy dollar from his adopted Club in California. Jeff Squire was happy for the A.C. Swing concert, Robbie Burke for her guests, Frank Klatt for moving into Otterbein, Sue Pittman for the Library Book Sale and Arts Fest reception (8/9), and Jim Heinrich for his and Jan's 54<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Chris Honefanger added a dollar for increasing Scout memberships, Kraig Noble for the new home of Arts Place, and Zach Ferrall for the Big Brother/Big Sisters Golf Outing. Rita Hilty was happy for the chance to host today's meeting; she also invited guests to tour the Otterbein facility.

Ron Gorby thanked Rita and the Otterbein staff for hosting today's meeting, but fined those who did not work at Crown, those who did not drive a Rolls Royce, and those who were not Republicans.

### Announcements

- Welcome to District Governor, Gary Newton at his home Club
- Thank you note received from our scholarship winner, Amy
- Need SummerFest volunteers
- Hog Raffle tickets still on sale
- President Kathy reminded us of this year's theme, "Inspire", and some of the important projects established in support of this theme

### Program

We were pleased to have Jim Dicke II, Chairman/CEO of Crown Equipment, present our program. Crown was established by Mr. Dicke's grandfather and his great uncle in 1945. The Company tried several different business ventures in the early years, including thermostatic controls for coal-burning furnaces. In the 1950's and 1960's, Crown supplied parts for several products that were marketed by others such as antenna rotators for Channel Master.



Not long after this, Crown started producing a small hand pump for a lifttruck...and the rest is history. Crown has become the fifth largest producer of forklifts in the United States, offering a full line of forklift products for numerous applications. Today, the Company operates 15 facilities and actually produces most of the component parts for its products, giving them significantly more control over quality and cost.

Unlike many competitors, Crown has been able to establish branch operations in 32 states so they can distribute and service their own products more effectively. Crown is also unique for having maintained its world headquarters in a small town setting, which Mr. Dicke contends has provided its employees with excellent 'quality of life' and a lower cost-of-living.

In closing, Mr. Dicke spoke about his role as a member of Republican National Committee and the upcoming convention to be held this year in Cleveland.

### Queen of Hearts

Linda Vogel got to draw, but could not find the Queen.

### Upcoming Programs

8/5 Keith Jacobs, Waynestock and Mark Ernst, St. Marys City Police Department

### Upcoming Greeters

8/5 Joe Burke  
8/12 Pat Cogan  
8/19 Susan Crotty

*\* 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".

