



The Cog

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Call to Order

President Kathy Sampson opened the meeting and Rita Hilty offered the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Guests/Song/Birthdays

Our guests today included Kevin Wolfe, Guest of Robbie Burke, Trisa Bell and Joe Miles from Hometown Station Lima, Jared Moutk from the Evening Leader, and our Sister City guest Kristy Nelson, Alyssa Wicker, and Bradley Eberle. Kevin Lawler led us in song today. His choice was "All Hail to Rotary".

Happy Dollars

Dan Hosek, Don Hinckley, Susan Crotty, Mike makely, Rita Hilty, and Kathy Sampson were our Happy Rotarians today.

Fines

Tami Sanford handled fines today. Her victims included Dan

Hosek, Dan Burke, Rick Green, The Cog Committee, Trisha Barnes, Don Hinkley, Mike makely, Bob Leugers, Kevin Lawler, and Phil Schumman, and anyone not working Summerfest or did not play golf this week.

Announcements

Sign up for Summerfest work shifts. There are still a few spots left to fill.

Hog Raffle tickets are still available...we have extended the sale one more week.

Kathy mentioned that if anyone was looking for a Rotary Shirt they are available on line. Kathy will send out the link.

Program

VP Ellen introduced Susan Crotty who was speaking on behalf of the City's Sister City relationship with Awaji, Japan. She introduced Bradley Erbele and Alyssa Wicker from Memorial High School who participated in the program this year.

The program gives local teens the opportunity to experience a different culture in Japan.

Bradley and Alyssa shared details of their trip to our Sister City, Awaji City, Japan. Both had three different home stays while in Japan.

It was the first overseas trip for both. Their group included three other teens and two chaperons.

The group arrived in Tokyo first and visited the Ikebukuro earthquake museum, which was built on a fault line and included a quake simulator.

Brad noted that the museum reminded him of the Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C.



-Alyssa-

Although it was not on the group's itinerary, they did get to experience a typhoon during their visit. It reminded them of a thunderstorm that wouldn't stop.



-Brad-

Brad got to celebrate his 16th birthday while on the trip. He said his Japanese birthday cake was different from the American version...not as sweet, more like angel food cake. He also noted that he enjoyed Raman noodles with pork and bamboo shoots.

Japanese-style pizza with shrimp and octopus was another new food item they got to try. The seafood in Japan was fresher than it is here, Wicker said. Unfortunately, she was unable to try any sushi.

The delegates and chaperons stayed with host families on the trip.

They agreed the trip was a great experience. Both made new friends and they both said the people were very kind.

They got to make their own incense and Japanese paper. Alyssa spent time at a kendo match, which is similar to fencing.

For souvenirs, they brought a small replica samurai sword and postcards, anime and manga books.

The delegates received honorary citizenship from Awaji City. St. Marys officials make the same gesture for visiting Japanese delegates, Susan Crotty, industrial and community development manager, said. St. Marys and Awaji City will celebrate 30 years of sister city relations in 2016, she said.

Queen of Hearts

Trish Barnes had the winning ticket and the magic touch as she drew the ever elusive QUEEN! Congratulation Trish.

Upcoming Programs

8-19 Coach Doug Frye
8-26 David Simons from Ferguson

Upcoming Greeters

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".

