



The Cog

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Call to Order

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

Guests/Song/Birthdays

Visiting Rotarian Kurt Meier. Guests included Mike Lange, Mark Thomas, Karen Elsass, Marge Cook, Donna Weber, Robert Makley, Colin Burke, and Cameron Warner. Alex Pittman led the singing of "Grand Ole Flag". There were no birthdays.

Happy Dollars

Several happy dollars this week with Kathy Sampson leading them off. Following Kathy were Linda Haines, Randy Elsass, Don Hinckley, Travis Elsass, Trish Barnes, Linda Vogel, Frank Klatt, Jeff Squire, and Bill Maki.

Fines

Bill Maki did the fines. He fined himself for not being here for Summerfest. Group fines for anyone not working Summerfest, not having the pork barn open early enough for breakfast, anyone not in Dallas last week, anyone who is a Reds fan, anyone who is an Indians fan, anyone eating a salad.

Announcements

Hog Raffle winners were Dan Hoseck and Gayle Masonbrink.

Program

VP Ellen introduced our speaker for today, Jim Jordan. Jim was raised in Champaign County where he graduated from Graham High School where he was a 4 time state champion in wrestling with a career record of 150-1. Jordan earned a bachelor's degree in Economics from the University of Wisconsin where he was a 2 time NCAA wrestling champion. He went on to earn a bachelor's degree in education from THE Ohio State University and a law degree from Capital. Jordan is a fiscal conservative who believes that families and taxpayers, rather than government, know best how to make decisions with their money. Throughout his career he has led the fight against tax hikes.

U.S. Rep. Jim Jordan addressed the St. Marys Rotary Club as part of a tour of northwest Ohio this week. In addition to taking questions from the crowd, Jordan took a moment to touch upon a variety of topics ranging from the Supreme Court ruling on same-sex marriage and opening relations with Cuba to the debate surrounding the nuclear deal with Iran.

"In my judgement, it's a terrible agreement," Jordan said. "The largest state sponsor of terrorism and we are

going to give them a path over the next 10 to 12 years — a path that they can actually get to a nuclear weapon. Remember, the whole premise of this discussion and debate for so long was to prevent Iran from having nuclear capability and now we are laying out a course that allows them to actually achieve that if they follow the agreement."

In exchange for allowing nuclear inspections, economic sanctions would be lifted that have crippled Iran's economy. Jordan cautioned that lifting the economic sanctions would merely given Iran additional resources to back terrorism.

"They will use a lot of that money for bad things," Jordan said, noting \$150 billion would be made available to Iran if the sanctions are lifted. "Probably the thing that should tell us the most is that when you have countries, Israel and Arab countries, both agreeing that this is a dangerous step, that should tell us something. They typically aren't on the same page. From our perspective, when our best ally, Israel, thinks this is a bad deal, that should also tell us something."

Jordan also lashed out at the secretly recorded videos involving Planned Parenthood officials discussing the sale of aborted fetuses. The videos sparked outrage on Capitol Hill and has led to talks regarding possibly defunding the organization.

"When you have an organization that engaged in the type of behavior that Planned Parenthood did with your tax dollars, that is just flat-out wrong," Jordan said. "That will be a huge fight come September. This organization should not be getting one penny of taxpayer money."

Jordan also weighed in on the ever-growing Republican field for next year's presidential primary. While he

did not endorse a candidate, Jordan did predict the GOP would field a strong candidate in 2016. "The depth and breadth of this field of this Republican field, we are going to get a good nominee when this thing all plays out," Jordan said. "I feel good about the field. I think there's some great candidates in there who certainly, in my judgement, much better than what the other side's putting up. I mean, they've got a socialist getting 30 percent right now."

Queen of Hearts

Trish Barnes drew for the queen but didn't find her.

Upcoming Programs

8-26 Coach Doug Frey
9/2/15 Kris Poppe, JAG officer
9/9/15 Harry Hooyenga on Polio Plus
9/16/15 Gary Levitt, Curator for Museum of Postal
9/23/15 Scott Stienecker, Founder of Polaris/ Lifestyle Communities Pavillion
8-27 9/30/15 Diana Russell, Holy Relic Shrine in Maria Stein

Upcoming Greeters

** 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".

