



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

Jan Heinrich was our guest. Jeff Squire led the singing of "Rotary, My Rotary" and we sang "Happy Birthday" to Randy Elsass.

Happy Dollars

Ellen Hunter Adams was happy for her 9th wedding anniversary, Dan Burke for his son not being homesick at OSU, Sue Pittman for a trip to Chattanooga, TN and for greetings from Joy Johnson, Randy Elsass for his retirement party and the Kishler fund donation to the Lots for Soldiers fund raiser, Jeff Vossler for Lake Improvement Association kids

fishing derby event, Keith Flederjohann for the queen and for raffle tickets he is selling for the Tri-County Coin Collectors, Linda Haines for the hospital golf outing, Robbie Burke for Zone Training in Detroit, and Jim Heinrich for getting the outbound GSE team selected and for the establishment of the Heinrich Family Endowed Peace Fellowship with RI.

Fines

Ron Gorby did the fines. He fined Sue Pittman for fraternizing with the finer, Trisha Barnes for not telling her husband that she won the queen, anyone not going to the Roughrider football games, and Shawn Brown for not being happy for fishing with him. Ron and Jon Hall then auctioned off some frozen red snapper that Ron caught and he then fined everyone who did not bid.

Announcements

Kathy reported that a meeting was held at WSULC looking for potential Rotaract members. There will be a meeting at Bella's on October 22 as a mixer for potential members.

Kathy announced that a long time member Ray Schmidt passed away this week.

Program

PE Ellen introduced Delphos Rotarian Gary Levitt as our speaker today. Gary is the director of the Museum of Postal History in Delphos. Gary is retired from the post office, most recently as postmaster in Dublin, Ohio. There are three postal history

museums in the US. The Smithsonian has one in DC, one in Michigan, and ours in Delphos. Many of the items on display at the Delphos museum come from the Smithsonian, along with donations directly to the museum.

The museum started in 1995 in the first floor of the Delphos post office. In 2008 they bought a shell of a building that was originally built in 1902 they had to replace everything, including the sewer line. He had pictures of the before and after. It was originally a livery right on the canal.



He showed pictures of the many murals in the museum. It starts with the colonial period. Ben Franklin influenced the early post office as Post Master General but he was eventually fired by the King but hired back by the colonies. In the early days everyone had to go to the post office to get the mail, and there were no stamps.

The museum continues through the revolutionary period and the transportation period. The first postage stamps were issued in 1840. They have a mock-up of a mail delivery rail car that was used to drop off bags of mail on the move from Youngstown to Delphos, sorting as

they went. Rail service stopped on the line in 1972.

The museum also has lots of stamps and other ephemera of the Post Office on display. He said he is going through a large recently donated stamp collection that will take him a long time to catalogue and display.

He talked about an upcoming exhibit about World War II and the holocaust. There are many harrowing tales about correspondence during the war.

The museum is having a fundraising auction on November 8, 2015 at the museum.

Queen of Hearts

Dick Hudson's number was pulled, but the Queen still lives.

Upcoming Programs

9/23 Scott Stienecker, Polaris/
Lifestyle Communities
Pavilion

Upcoming Greeters

9/23 Zach Ferrall
9/30 Keith Flederjohann
** 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".

