



The Cog

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Call to Order

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

Guests/Song/Birthdays

Jan Heinrich joined us today. Jeff Squire at the suggestion of Travis Elsass, led the singing of "Down by the Old Millstream," much to his own chagrin.

Happy Dollars

Ellen Hunter was happy to see John Kraner at the meeting, Don Hinckley for the Bucks and the Lady Riders volleyball team, Rita Hilty for Otterbein's Fall Festival coming up, Kraig Noble for the thoughts, prayers and good wishes on the passing of his dad and invited all to the Memorial Service to be held at Wayne Street Methodist Church on October 31st at 11:00, Sue Pittman for our speakers today, Frank Klatt for no cane, Travis

Elsass for his chance at the queen, and Bill Maki for his daughter and pending grandchild being fine after a minor care accident.

Fines

Bill Maki did the fining. He fined Beth Noneman, Sue Pittman, Mike Makley, all medical people because of his problem with getting a tooth appointment, all Ohio state fans and all Michigan fans.

Announcements

Dues are due.

We are taking nominations for President Elect and Vice President for next year. See Kathy or Don if you are interested.

Jeff Squire presented a \$1,000.00 donation to Kraig Noble in the memory of his father and longtime Rotarian Ed Noble.



Don Hinckley announced that the high school is looking for pictures and educational background information from local people for a school project. Forms are on the table.

Program

PE Ellen introduced our speakers today, Karen and Bill Bloomhorst. They are the owners of Capabilities.

They are both St. Marys natives and graduated together from Memorial High School in 1976. They were high school sweethearts who got married after high school and began to plan their future together then. They had two children, who have each ended up back in the area and working with the business.

They started the business in 1997. It took a full year to get all the licenses and certificates that they needed to operate. She saw a need in the community to help young adults with special needs transition out of the support they received in a school setting and into independence. The main focus of the business is to find people with disabilities jobs and to help them develop the skills they need to work.



One of the main services that they offer is driver training for those with special needs. Since starting in St. Marys, they have opened offices in Findlay, Dayton, Toledo, Mansfield and will be opening an office in Fremont. The driver training is the service that gets them into many of the new communities, and then additional services follow as the needs of the communities are assessed.

We Can Too was opened as an offshoot of Capabilities in 2010. It provides a factory work setting where those with disabilities can be productive. It allows people to work up to their potential, even if that potential is very limited, and allows them to take pride in their job.

As funding sources change priorities so must the business. They have succeeded by being ahead of the curve on providing service to the clients. Now the focus seems to be shifting to placing people into the community, and they are focusing training now in that area.

Queen of Hearts

Rick Green's number was pulled again, but he pulled the queen of spades.

Upcoming Programs

10-14 Auglaize County
Commissioners

Upcoming Greeters

10-14 Rick Green
10-21 Linda Haines
10-28 Jon Hall
11-4 Kevin Harlan

** 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".

