



The Cog

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Call to Order

President Elect Ellen Hunter-Adams called the meeting to order and Sue Pittman offered the invocation which was followed by the club reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests/Song/Birthdays

We had several guests at today's meeting. They included Jan Heinrich, guest of Jim Heinrich...Kathy Bayless and Anna Mae Saum, guests of Dan Burke...Charlatte Dunlon, guest of Sue Pittman...Deb Green, Guest of Rick Green...Ron Meyer, guest of Kathy Sampson...Buz Howard, guest of Mike Makely...and Steve Schmidt and Jeff Wolters, guests of Linda Vogel.

Alex Pittman led us in song today as we sang "We Wish You a Merry Christmas". No birthdays were recognized today.

Happy Dollars/Fines

Our Happy Rotarians today included Ellen Hunter-Adams, Linda Vogel, Dan Burke, Kraig Noble, Jeff Vosler, Sue Pittman, Travis Elsass, Kevin Lawler, Mike Makely, and Jim Heinrich who also delivered the "Rotary Minute", speaking to us about what is a Rotarian.

Tami Sanford handled fines today...Individual fines went out to Travis Elsass, Randy Elsass, Robbie Burke, Allen Baskett, and Alex Pittman. Group fines were levied for those not yet finished Christmas Shopping and anyone who was not serving three Christmas meals this week.

Announcements

- The club received a Christmas Card from the St Marys Chamber
- Ellen asked everyone to keep Kathy Sampson in their prayers for the passing of her Father-In-Law this week.
- Jim Heinrich shared that 83 million children received Polio immunizations this year in Nigeria through the efforts of Rotary.
- The club presented Christmas gifts to the staff at the Eagles Lodge in appreciation of everything they do for us each week.

Program

Jeff Squire introduced our guest speaker today. Bob Saum got his first taste of international work after graduating from the University of Dayton and starting his career with the public accounting firm Ernst and Young, first in Dayton and then in London, England.

After earning a master's degree at the Thunderbird School of Global Management, he worked for several nonprofit, including the Mercy Corps in Pakistan, where he worked with Afghan refugees.



He also worked on projects in Nigeria, Zimbabwe and Kenya, and for a time was the East Jerusalem administrator for a Palestinian hospital.



In 1998, Saum joined the World Bank with a focus on accountability and public sector financial management, primarily working in south Asia, spending a year in the World Bank's New Delhi office. He

participated in one of the World Bank's first visits to Afghanistan after the fall of the Taliban in 2002.

Bob spoke about his experiences leading efforts in fighting poverty, his travels throughout Europe, East Asia, and the Middle East. He also gave us a description of a typical day at the office with included meetings, phone calls, e-mails...just like the rest of us...with the exception of have security details nearly 24-7, sniper fencing around his office and home, and having to work in one of the most volatile areas of the world.

Queen of Hearts

Jon Hall's ticket was pulled, but he could not find the Queen.

Upcoming Programs

12/23/15 Bob Saum, employed by World Bank
12/30/15 Buzz Howard, author

Upcoming Greeters

12/23/15 TBD
12/30/15 TBD

** 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".

