



The Cog

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Call to Order

President Kathy Sampson opened the meeting and Jon Kraner offered the invocation. The Club then recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests/Song/Birthdays

We were joined by Fran Russo (wife of today's speaker), Mike Wilker (husband of Bev), Ned Lawler, brother of Kevin), Jan Heinrich (guest of Jim), Rob Bechtel & Scott Nuttle (guests of Rick Green), MHS Principal, Bill Ruane, and the following MHS seniors: Stephanie Knatz, Hailee Andreoni, Rachel Moeller, Logan Patton, Diane Chisholm, Boston Hensley, Rhett Buehler, Aaron Alexander.

Jeff Squire led us in singing "All Hail to Rotary" and recognized Beth Noneman, Alex Pittman, and Keith Fledderjohann for birthdays.

Happy Dollars/Fines

Ellen Hunter was happy for today's speaker, Bev Wilker for our speaker, her husband, grand-daughter, and the Bengals, Kevin Lawler for our MHS students, his brother, and the Steelers opponent. Our speaker even got in the act with his \$2 donated on behalf of the Steelers. Dollars were also given by Randy Elsass for the candidate debate (2/3/16), Trisha Barnes for the upcoming Circus (5/17/16), Kraig Noble for son, Jeffrey, joining the Rhode Island Air National Guard (full-time), and Sue Pittman for Alex's birthday. Don Hinckley kicked in money for the Riders, and Jeff Squire for beer tasting at The Arts Place (7:00-9:30 PM, 1/15/16,\$30 donation). Jim Heinrich added his dollar for "Words to the Wise"--a Rotary Zone 29 message and DG Gary Newton's message, "Be a Gift to the World".

Travis Elsass, fined Jim Harris, Shawn Brown, Sue Pittman, Kraig Noble, and Jeff Squire for sitting at the same table for multiple weeks. He also levied group fines for those who had not yet registered for the District Conference, and those who've already broken New Year's resolutions.

Announcements

- President Kathy summarized today's Rotary Board meeting: Literacy Committee providing reading materials for wide range of topics and audiences in local community, excited about upcoming Circus. NOTE: Board plans to e-mail meeting summary to members after future meetings
- Received thank-you letter for donation to The Arts Place
- Special mention of prospective new members, Rob Bechtel and Scott Nuttle (guests of Rick Green).

- Mark your calendars for the FUN Rotary Auction (1/20/16) led by Jon Hall. Although this will be an important fundraiser, participation is voluntary and no minimum bid amount will be imposed--some great items will be up for bid.

Program

We were happy to have Dr. Vince Russo address our Club today. Dr. Russo served as Executive Director, Aeronautical Systems Center, at Wright Patterson Air Force Base WPAFB). Before his retirement, he was responsible for 47 programs, an annual budget of \$18 billion, and a work force of 12,000 people.



More recently, Dr. Russo has been involved with Air Camp--a hands-on educational adventure in aviation and aeronautics for middle school students (7th, 8th, and 9th grades).

Unfortunately, studies show that U.S. students are trailing others from around the world in science and math scores. Air Camp was started in 2010 to inspire students to learn more about science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) and to promote scholarship, leadership & citizenship.

As part of the one-week program, students have the opportunity to:

- Learn about the principles of flight
- Tour WPAFB, National USAF Museum & Research Lab, Dayton Airport control tower, Wright State Holodeck, and more
- Take flight training and pilot a general aviation aircraft
- Use principles learned to plan a simulated air rescue mission

Using Wright State University as a base location, Air Camp students learn from the highly qualified instructors from WPAFB, the USAF Academy, FAA flight instructors, etc.

Tuition is \$995/student (needs-based scholarships available)--this covers only a portion of the total program cost, so funding is also sought from other donors. More info available at <http://aircampusa.com/>.

Queen of Hearts

Kevin Wolfe got to draw for the Queen...the Queen lives.

Upcoming Programs

1/13/16 Lots for Soldiers
1/20/16 Mike Makley
1/27/16 FUN Rotary Auction

Upcoming Greeters

1/13/16 Jon Kraner
1/20/16 Julie Kraner
1/27/16 Shawn Brown

** 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".

