



The Cog

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Call to Order

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

Guests / Song

Our guests today included Jan Heinrich (guest of Jim), Adam Poe (guest of Bill Maki) and Lance Mihm (Lima News).

Alex Pittman led the singing of "For He's A Jolly Good Fellow" because it just seemed to go along with our Beer Themed program today.

We also sang Happy Birthday to fellow Rotarian Dan Burke.

Happy Dollars

Happy Rotarians included Ellen Hunter, Bill Maki, Kevin Lawler, Kraig Noble, and Jeff Vosler.

Fines

Jon Hall was our finer today. He handed out fines to the following "Badge less" Rotarians. Jim Heinrich, Kevin Lawler, Jeff Vosler, Alex Pittman, Mike Makely, and Ellen Hunter. Group fines were also levied to anyone who...

- Had Pecan Pie today, because Jon didn't get any.
- Never been to a high school swim meet.
- Never been to Moeller Brew Barn.

Announcements / Presentations

- Still taking Carp Derby donations
- President Kathy thanked Rotarians for their support of the Opportunity School.
- The Costa Rica trip is booked. This is a joint effort with the Celina, New Bremen/New Knoxville, Wapak, and Lima Rotary Clubs.
- The MESA Bike Tour will be in our area on June 14 and housing is needed for the approximately 20 riders that will be staying overnight.
- The St Marys Club will be sending a student to the Air Camp at Wright Patterson AFB.
- The Annual Carp Derby is set to go.
- The Memorial High School Promenade committee will be needing volunteers.
- The Circus is coming to town on May 17th. Kathy thanked Susan for her efforts.

Program

PE Ellen Hunter introduced today's presenter, Nick Moeller from Moeller Brew Barn. Nick graduated from Marion Local, and attended Ohio State University and then moved to San Diego in 2002. While living in California, he experimented with various beer recipes and visited breweries along the coast.

He and his wife, Monica, moved back to Maria Stein in 2013 where they started putting their plans together to brew and sell beer.

The new business opened in the former Goodman Pool barn at 8016 Marion Drive in 2015. Micro-Breweries are becoming a big deal out west, he said. And it's becoming a big business all over.

The 15-barrel Brew house produces over seventeen varieties of American and European ales and German lagers. They started with 8 different beers.



"I won't limit myself to one particular style," he said. "They get requests group that wants a certain brew and they be able to do that for whatever groups want to contact them. "That's what makes this so exciting right now" he said. People have been very receptive and are very encouraging."

A tasting room opened in April 2015 with room for 70 customers seeking to purchase sample pours or half-gallon growlers, Nick said. Beer is

also will be available in one-sixth or half-barrel keg sizes, based on a 31-gallon keg. He also has talked to catering companies about providing snacks for customers.

The company received part of its financing from a Midwest Electric Revolving Loan.

The brewery is open on Thursday/Friday 3:00 - 11:30 pm, Saturday/12:00 noon - 11:30pm, and Sunday/12:30 pm - 10:00 pm.

"We're very excited about being back in the community and growing our business," he said.

Queen of Hearts

Kraig Noble got to draw for a chance at the Queen, but was not lucky enough to find her.

Two lucky Rotarians also went home with "Growlers" compliments of Moeller Brew Barn. They included a gift certificate for a free fill! The winners of the Growlers were Allen Baskett and Jeff Vosler.

Upcoming Programs

- 3/2/16 4-Way Test Contest and I-Read Program
- 3/9/16 Dayton Dragons

Upcoming Greeters

- 3/2/16 Gayle Masonbrink
- 3/9/16 Kraig Noble

** 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".

