



The Cog

**Rotary Club No. 3503
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March 2, 2016**

Call to Order

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

Guests/Song/Birthdays

We were joined by Jan Heinrich (guest of Jim), Keith and Kendra Lininger, guests of our 4-Way Speech presenter, John Meinerding from the school, with seniors Kyle Brown, Sara Little, Victoria Bartlett, Rachel Ziegenbusch, Jennifer Lauth, Chelsey Opasik, Magan Fricke, and Tara Sterling.

Jeff Squire led us in singing "America".

Happy Dollars

Pres. Kathy was happy for a new granddaughter, Don Hinckley for a

new pending grandchild, Randy Elsass for Jeff Squire bringing in black walnut cookies, Kraig Noble for a chance at the queen and for seeing a turkey on the Noble farm, Sue Pittman for the library's Business Person's Breakfast April 2nd, Travis Elsass gave \$7 for walking 77 miles during vacation, Kevin Wolfe for being back to the meeting and for a past shot at the queen and for the Living Center's Easter Egg Hunt March 12, Dan Hosek for a trip to Florida for his last child's wedding, Dan Burke for today's students and Jim Heinrich as he told the story of the 4 Way Test.

Fines

Kathy did some quick group fines.

4 Way Test Speech Contest

Bev Wilker introduced Bailey Lininger, St. Marys representative to the Rotary speech contest. Bailey gave her speech. The District Contest will be in Van Wert.



Announcements

- Jeff Squire announced the names of the club members who were recognized by the District last year for donating \$100 to the annual fund and \$25 to Polio Plus.
- The District Conference is coming up fast. Register now on the District Website if you haven't already.

Program

Pres. Kathy introduced Mary Miller, the principal at the St. Marys Middle School, and Polly Ruedebusch to talk about the I-Read program.



Polly has been teaching in St. Marys for 26 years. The I-Read program is an interactive audio book that allows students to read along with an audio track while reading. The program was started with an initial investment by the school to help middle school students get help with reading.

The program has been very successful in the middle school. Of the 30 students in the program, greater than half are progressing much quicker in reading skills than before. This gives the school one more tool to help teach reading skills, and it is technology that is cool and that the kids are using anyway.

There are now 20 I-Pads and almost 900 titles available. On-line content has grown and is much less expensive than hard copies. The program is expanding into the high school. Mary Miller thanked Polly for all her work on the program and thanked us for our continued support.

Pres. Kathy presented Mary and Polly with a check for \$1,000.00 for the program.

Queen of Hearts

Keith Fledderjohann got to draw for the Queen, again, but the Queen lives.

Upcoming Programs

3-9 Tom Nichols Dayton Dragons

Upcoming Greeters

3-9	Kraig Noble
3-16	Alex Pittman
3-23	Sue Pittman

** 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".

