



## The Cog

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### Call to Order

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

### Guests / Song / Birthdays

Guests included Jim Dieringer (Buckeye Boys State), John Meinerding (MHS Asst Principal), and students: Katie Freewalt, Megan Wycuff, Alyssa Finley, Cameron Bowman, Stuart Rahl, Riley Niekamp, and Levi Sell. Also attending: Ron Meyer (guest of Kathy Sampson), Jan Heinrich (guest of Jim), and Jared Mauch (Daily Standard).

Kraig Noble led the Club in the singing of "Vive Le Rotary". There were no birthdays to recognize.

### Happy Dollars / Fines

Ellen Hunter, Trisha Barnes, and Don Hinckley were happy for today's

speaker. Rob Bechtel was happy for his first grandchild, Ken Strickland for Mexico mission work of his 'winter Rotary Club', Jon Hall for the last skiing of the year, Tim Dicke for the Rotary Circus, and Rita Hilty for Administrative Professionals Day. Jim Heinrich put in plug for Rotary Nature Walk and was happy for visit to Rotary Peace Center. Mike Makley thanked the Club for their condolences on his mother's passing and thanked Otterbein, Hospice for their fine care.

Jon Hall led us in fines, asking Cincinnati Bengals trivia questions. We learned that Cincy's first team goes back to 1937-38 (American Football League). He also quizzed us on the first coach, first QB, first draft pick, and more.

### Announcements / Presentations

- The Club presented a check to Jim Dieringer for this year's Buckeye Boys State



- Administrative Professionals Day is scheduled for 4/27/16 meeting; sign-ups to bring guests begins 4/13/16
- Rotary Circus is being planned for 5/17/16; advertising space on Circus banners available for \$300--if interested, see Tim Dicke
- Nominees for membership include Becky Fowler (Fowler's TV) and Muhammad Khokhar (Quality Inn & Suites). Comments can be directed to Don Hinckley or Kathy Sampson.

### Program

President Elect Ellen Hunter introduced Keith Wenning as today's speaker. Keith is a 2010 graduate of Coldwater High School and was back-up quarterback for the Cincinnati Bengals in 2015. Keith played three sports in high school, but settled on football due in part to the mentoring of his high school coach.



After considering several schools, Keith accepted a scholarship to play for Ball State University. His first big game was getting the chance to start against Purdue as a freshman. He made the most of this opportunity, having a successful college career and going on to play in the East West Shrine--a game showcasing seniors hopeful of entering the NFL draft.

Keith gave us an idea of what it was like to try out for the NFL. Prior to the draft, he met with five different teams each of which put him through rigorous medical exams and activities to test endurance, coping skills and mental comprehension.

Finally, he had the chance to join team workouts to show his skills on the field and his hard work paid off. Keith was drafted by the Baltimore Ravens in the sixth round of the 2014 draft. Then, the real work began--learning the Play Book and attending meetings and workouts from dawn to dusk. Keith started as a practice squad player, but he was still on the Ravens roster as an NFL quarterback.

Unfortunately, Keith was cut by Baltimore before his 2nd season, but later got an offer from the Cincinnati Bengals. After starting again on the practice squad, an injury to the starting quarterback gave Keith the back-up job. Congratulations to Keith for reaching his dream and best wishes for more playing time and even greater success in 2016.

### Queen of Hearts

Dick Hudson's ticket was drawn, but the Queen lives on.

### Upcoming Programs

- 4/13/16 Milt Miller, Grand Lake St. Marys Improvement
- 4/20/16 John Guagenti, On-Track Carving (with chainsaw)
- 4/27/16 Sharon Kennedy, Ohio Supreme Court Justice

### Upcoming Greeters

- 4/13/16 Brad Seitz
- 4/20/16 Rob Spees
- 4/27/16 Jeff Squire

The meeting was adjourned after recitation of the "Four Way Test".

*\* Please note: All Rotarians scheduled to greet, please be in place by 11:30 a.m.*

