



## The Cog

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### Call to Order

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

### Guests / Song / Birthdays

Guests included Jenny Thompson, guest of Kevin Wolfe, Mary Miller and Brooke Gray from the middle school and Zach Steva, guests of the club, and Jan Heinrich, guest of Jim.

Kevin Lawler led the Club in the singing of "Moonlight Bay". We sang "Happy Birthday" to Kraig Noble and Susan Crotty.

### Happy Dollars / Fines

Kathy Sampson was happy for our guests and for the three year anniversary of Elizabeth's new heart, Rick Green for getting wi-fi in Eagles basement, Randy Elsass for country

number 36 visited and deep sea fishing in Costa Rico, Renee Homan for Administrative Professionals day coming up on April 27<sup>th</sup>, Dick Hudson for a chance at the queen, Kevin Lawler for the salad bar and Jim Heinrich for the Rotary Peace Scholar graduation.

Jon Hall led us in fines, fining Kevin Lawler for ad libbing during the song, Randy Elsass for his fish story, and Pat Cogan, Ken Strickland, Tim Dicke, Sue Pittman, Beth Noneman and Joe Burke for getting lake trivia wrong. He fined anyone who has not skated on the lake, boated on the lake, or never heard Bun Shuffleton tell the Hodag story.

### Announcements / Presentations

- Pres. Kathy read a thank you note from the Makley family.
- Administrative Professionals Day is scheduled for 4/27/16 meeting. Make sure to sign the sheet with the number of guests.
- Rotary Circus is being planned for 5/17/16; advertising space on Circus banners available for \$300--if interested, see Tim Dicke.
- We can still use some hosts for the MESA bike ride June 14<sup>th</sup>. See Kathy if you can provide overnight accommodations for a rider.



- Kathy announced that our club is sponsoring Zach Steva to go to Air Camp this year and she thanked Bev Wilker for all her help in supporting that project.

### Program

President Elect Ellen Hunter introduced Milt Miller, the executive director of the Grand Lake Restoration Commission. Milt went over a little history that leads us to where we are now. He thanked our club for all the work we have done with the lake and now for picking up the Carp Derby project. The commission has had great success with treatment trains, linear aeration, and dredging.



Milt wanted to talk to us today specifically about a program to get more rough fish out of the lake. The ratio of game fish to rough fish is very out of balance. While the carp derby is a start, there are just too many fish to remove that way. They have gotten permits to commercially harvest the carp.

They are working with "Bottom Feeders" tv show to net as many of the carp as possible. There is commercial value to the rough fish. The process starts with radio tagging fish to see where they congregate. They tagged 25 fish and were able to track them in the lake. The fish tend to congregate at the mouths of the inlet creeks on the south side of the lake. They estimate one million pounds of fish just in those areas.

However, when they went to net the fish the stumps tore up the nets. On the first attempt they had plenty of fish, but the nets ripped. They are looking for cleaner bottoms and ODNR has indicated that it will remove marked stumps. Milt plans on marking more stumps this year in hopes that the commercial carp catch can help restore the lake's balance.

Milt also reported that the treatment train on Beaver Creek is ready to start. The treatment trains restore the wetlands, which act as kidneys for the lake, and will prevent the phosphorus from getting in.

The lake is ready for all purposes this year. Milt said just don't drink the water, and if you swim through an algae bloom go take a shower.

### Queen of Hearts

Julie Kraner won the weekly drawing but pulled a joker and had to share with Mike Makley.

### Upcoming Programs

- 4/20/16 John Guagenti, On-Track Carving (with chainsaw)
- 4/27/16 Sharon Kennedy, Ohio Supreme Court Justice

### Upcoming Greeters

- 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.*

