



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 Dr. Robert Gill, Kim Ray and Jared Mauch (Daily Standard).

Kraig Noble led the Club in the singing of "I Want A Girl". The group sang Happy Birthday to Ned Engle.

Happy Dollars / Fines

Happy dollars for this week came from Kathy Sampson, Ellen Hunter, Tami Sanford, Rita Hilty, Dan Hosek, Dan Burke, Julie Kraner, Mike Makley and Kevin Lawler.

Bill Maki was the finemaster and took money from Tim Dicke, Joe Burke, Pat Cogan and Sue Pittman. Jeff Squire and Robbie Burke guessed correctly and eluded the individual fines. Group fines were for anyone not registered for the Rotary National Convention, Not visiting the South Pole in the past year and not being a member of the chainsaw guild.

Announcements / Presentations

- The Club presented a check to Dr. Gill for the Drug Enforcement Task Force
- Administrative Professionals Day is scheduled for 4/27/16 meeting; sign-ups to bring guests.
- Thank You to the scholarship committee
- Thank you to Rick Green for helping with the new technology

Program

President Elect Ellen Hunter introduced John Guagenti as today's speaker. John is a graduate of Bluffton High School, a 2012 graduate of the University of Findlay where he also went on to receive his Master's degree in Organizational Leadership. While at the University of Findlay John ran track and received All American status. John did his first carving while attending the University of Findlay and started On Track Carvings in 2013.

John began by talking about the work that he did in the Coldwater Park. He was commissioned to do carvings for each branch of the service. John met with service members to find out what how they envisioned the representation of their branch. From their suggestions John came up with the designs.

John discussed how the carvings all begin with a stump of a tree and explained the process from rough cutting all the way to sanding, fine tuning and sealing the finished art.

John uses chainsaw bars specifically designed for carving.

Safety is a main concern of John's with safety glasses and ear protection.

Sharpening and cleaning the tools are done daily to keep them in top shape.

John's work can be seen locally in Coldwater Park.

The tools John uses mainly are the chainsaw, angle grinder and sander. The grinder is the most versatile. Sanding is important for even application of stain. Most of the wood is removed with the chainsaw but the most time is spent on the grinding and sanding.

The On Track shop is located in Coleville, Ohio. John and his staff have begun getting into the custom furniture business as well.



Queen of Hearts

Rob Bechtel's ticket was drawn, but the Queen lives on.

Upcoming Programs

4/27/16 Sharon Kennedy, Ohio
Supreme Court Justice

Upcoming Greeters

4/27/16 Jeff Squire
5/4/16 Ken Strickland
5/11/16 Jeff Vossler

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.*

