



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 / Birthdays

We went around the room as our fellow Rotarians introduced their special guests as we celebrated Administrative Professionals Day and welcomed all to our meeting. We also welcomed Jan Heinrich, guest of Jim, and Jared Mauch from the Daily Standard.

Alex led the Club in the singing of "Rotary My Rotary".

Happy Dollars / Fines

Happy dollars for this week came from Kathy Sampson, Dan Burke, Randy Elsass, Linda Haines, Bill Maki,

Alisher Khudaykulov, Kevin Lawler, Jon Hall, Sue Pittman, Kevin Wolfe, Jeff Squire, and Jim Heinrich.

No Fines were issued today!

Announcements / Presentations

- Board meeting minutes have been sent out to all Rotary Members.
- Kathy thanked the Administrative Professionals Day Committee for their efforts in putting today's meeting together.
- Info sheets for our newest members are available at the check-in table.
- District Conference is this weekend.

Program

President Elect Ellen Hunter introduced our guest speaker for today...the honorable Sharon Kennedy, Ohio Supreme Court Justice.

Justice Kennedy first joined the court in 2012, having been elected to fill an unexpired term. Prior to her term on the Ohio Supreme Court, Justice Kennedy served at the Butler County Court of Common Pleas, Domestic Relations Division beginning in 1999. From 2005 until December of 2012, Justice Kennedy served as the administrative judge of that division. During her time as administrative judge, she improved the case management system to ensure the timely resolution of cases for families and children. Working with state legislators she championed a "common sense" family law initiative to reduce multiple-forum litigation for Butler County families.

In 1991, after obtaining her law degree from the University of Cincinnati College of Law, Justice Kennedy ran a small business of her own as a solo practitioner.

Justice Kennedy began her career in the justice system as a police officer

at the Hamilton Police Department. She was assigned to a rotating shift, single-officer road patrol unit working to protect and serve the citizens of the City of Hamilton. From the routine, to the heart-pounding, to the heart-breaking, she has seen it all. During her time as an officer, Justice Kennedy also worked undercover operations, implemented crime prevention programs, and later, as a civil assistant, assisted in drafting police policy and procedure for the Accreditation Program.

Throughout her career Justice Kennedy has served on numerous boards, developed and facilitated programs to address the needs of young people, and worked with judges across the state.



Justice Kennedy shared her respect for the goals and mission of Rotary in our community, our country, and around the world. She gave an informative presentation comparing our Four Way Test to the US Constitution.

As a dedicated jurist she has received multiple awards of recognition including: The University of Cincinnati College of Law Nicholas

Longworth, III Alumni Achievement Award, May 17, 2014; Northwest High School Distinguished Alumnus Award, April 25, 2014; named one of 13 professional women to watch by The Cincinnati Enquirer, March 17, 2013; Excellence in Public Service, June 2009; Judge of the Year, 2006; Above the Fold Award, 2002; and the Furtherance of Justice Award, 2001. Justice Kennedy was also featured in Trends in the Judiciary: Interviews with Judges Across the Globe, Volume II, published by CRC Press in February 2015.

She followed up with a brief question and answer period related to Body Cams, Search & Seizure, and she spoke in depth about her experience as a law enforcement officer.

At the conclusion of today's meeting, names of our guests were drawn and the lucky winners got to take home the table decorations.

Queen of Hearts

Robbie Burke's ticket was drawn, but alas...the Queen lived on.

Upcoming Programs

5/4/16 Ken Strickland
* Mexico Polio Project

Upcoming Greeters

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.*

