



The Cog

Rotary Club No. 3503
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May 4, 2016

Call to Order

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

Guests / Song / Birthdays

Guests included Craig Riedel from the Defiance club, Bob Warren, guest of Sue Pittman, Jon Sell, guest of Dan Burke, Jan Heinrich, guest of Jim Heinrich, and John Meinerding brought high school seniors Sierra Braun, Jacob Vantrees, Lucas Slife, Mathew Jutte, Austin Gilmore and Robert Miller.

Jeff Squire led the Club in the singing of "All Hail to Rotary".

Happy Dollars / Fines

Kathy Sampson was happy for a wedding she attended on the East Coast, Ellen for our high school guests,

Jim Heinrich for a great District Conference, Dan Burke for his guest today and the District Conference, Trisha Barnes for Craig Riedel visiting today, the District Conference and for the Circus coming to town, Travis Elsass for all the work done by the committee for the District Conference, Robbie Burke for a chance at the Queen and for being Sharon Heinrich's aide for the District conference, Linda Haines for the conference committee, Don Hinkley for Randy Elsass and Rick Green's help for the District Conference setup, DG Gary Newton for being happy and for the District Conference, Beth Noneman for bartending at the conference, Kevin Wolfe for a German Brat dinner at the Living Center next Tuesday, Craig Riedel for being welcomed by St. Marys as our new state rep., and Zach Ferrall for the Prom Promenade

Zach then did fines. He fined Sue Pittman for having her picture in the paper but made Alex pay it because Mother's Day is coming up. He fined all the guys from Chrysler for self-driving cars and anyone who did not go to the District Conference.

Announcements / Presentations

- Pres. Kathy thanked Zach for the Promenade.
- She thanked Rita Hiltey, Renee Homan and Julie Kraner for the wonderful Administrative Professionals Day.
- Rotary Circus is being planned for 5/17/16. Take a poster.
- Directory pages are now available for our newest members.
- Zach announced that he could use some help for the Carp Derby May 14 and 15.

- Sue Pittman presented the Literacy Committee's latest donation to the Auglaize County Council on Aging.



Program

President Elect Ellen Hunter introduced Ken Strickland. Ken is an alum of BGSU from 1971 and has been married to Kim since 1972. He is a retired professor of geology at Wright State.



Ken told the story today of the National Immunization Day that he recently went on in Mexico. His adopted club in southern California does several projects with the Caborca

Sonora Rotary Club. He described the drive across the border and working with the health officials in Mexico. There are 80 small villages that need to be reached. Ken was able to administer the vaccine to five children, and was able to promise that they will never get polio.

Last year a group of clubs were able to work with the Caborca club to put up two water towers, and they are preparing to donate a Medical/Dental van to bring services to where the people are. With the road conditions and the distances that must be traveled, most people put off seeing a care provider until it is really bad. A mobile unit can go where they are. They are having the van manufactured in Mexico to cut down on all the red tape needed to import.

Queen of Hearts

Linda Haines won the weekly drawing but pulled the King of Hearts.

Upcoming Programs

5/11 Best Selling Author Joanne Huist Smith

Upcoming Greeters

5/11 Jeff Vossler
5/18 Linda Vogel
5/25 Tami Sanford

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.*

