



## THE COG

Rotary Club No. 3503

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### Call to Order

President Ellen Hunter opened the meeting and Pat Cogan offered the invocation. The Club then recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Guests / Song / Birthdays

There were no Visiting Rotarians, but we were joined by Wes Protsman (guest of Kraig Noble) and Jan Heinrich (guest of Jim).

Kraig Noble led the Club in the singing of "You're a Grand Old Flag" and "Happy Birthday" to Gary Newton and Alisher Khudaykulov.

### Happy Dollars / Fines

Jeff Squire was happy for the Tri-Star 2.0 levy passage, Sue Pittman for a successful book sale and upcoming Art Show and reception, Linda Vogel for nearly full roster of SummerFest workers, and Jon Hall for being back in Ohio for a few days. Rick Green

thanked the Club for its benevolence at the passing of his mother-in-law. Travis Elsass for finally getting home from vacation after a lengthy flight delay, Keith Fledderjohann for a new grandson, and Julie/Jon Kraner for oldest son's new job and youngest son's enlistment in the U.S. Army. Kraig Noble announced that son Jeff was called up as pilot in Kuwait. On a sad note, Jim Heinrich added a tribute for the recent passing of past District Governor, John Weeks who was also a Colonel in the Marines.

Randy Elsass quizzed the group on a mixture of topics from Vice-President nominations to horseflies (great answer by Ken Strickland re: the horsefly). Group fines were paid by those who had not gone to the County Fair, Heritage Park Trail, and those who had not run their chain saw out of gas.

### Announcements / Presentations

- President Ellen announced "thank you" notes for the Club's support of "Air Camp" and books received by Holy Rosary pre-school
- Orientation meeting for new members (and any members who want refresher)--5:30 PM, 8/8/16, at J.T.'s
- Agape Food Drive--if you have not already donated, please bring items to Club Meeting by 8/17/16
- On 8/11/16, Gears & Cheers meeting will convene at Memorial Park (Supper & Sounds event)
- Don't forget to sign up for your working time as we host the "Best of the Worst" tent with Kiwanis--8/12/16 - 8/14/16
- Wes Protsman and Jake Sutton have been nominated for membership; any comments may be provided to President Ellen or Secretary Don Hinckley
- Keith Fledderjohann says that dues are 'past due'

### Program

Program Chair, Kraig Noble, introduced Jenna Siffringer, who is a Multi-Media Journalist for WLIO-TV. Jenna grew up in North Carolina and she graduated from the University of Alabama with a degree in English and Spanish.

Since joining WLIO about a year ago, Jenna has had the opportunity to perform a wide variety of tasks that are required for investigating and reporting the news--conducting interviews, operating video cameras, writing her own scripts and generating graphics for broadcasts. In fact, she has covered several of our Rotary meetings this past year, interviewing our program presenters for WLIO news broadcasts.



More recently, Jenna has had the opportunity for additional air time as Weekend Anchor for the news broadcasts. She admits that she's still trying to get used to hearing her own voice on the air.

In describing her work, she says that producing news stories is similar to 'telling a story', informing others in a way that they can better relate to

those involved. Of course, some of the stories she tells are sad. One of the most difficult ones to report involved the drowning of a 19-year-old boy. She takes some consolation from the fact that even sad stories can help inform and alert her audience so they are more likely to avoid similar tragic circumstances.

Jenna says that, like Mexican journalist/author Jorge Ramos, her interest in journalism was sparked by a desire to 'be in places where history is being made'. She recently had the chance to interview Mike Pence, GOP Vice-Presidential nominee. So, even though Lima is ranked as the 187<sup>th</sup> largest news market (New York City is #1), working at WLIO has helped her achieve her goal.

### Queen of Hearts

Robbie Burke got to draw for the Queen, but could not find her.

### Upcoming Programs

8/10/16 Congressman, Jim Jordan

8/17/16 John Hill, Rotary

Programs

8/24/16 Doug Frye, MHS Football

8/31/16 District Governor,  
Do Nguyen

### Upcoming Greeters

8/10/16 Joe Burke

8/17/16 Pat Cogan

8/24/16 Susan Crotty

8/31/16 Renee Homan

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.**

