



THE COG

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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

Our guests today included Morgan Paul, guest of Sue Pittman, Jan Heinrich, guest of Jim Heinrich, and John Meinerding from Memorial High School with our visiting seniors.

Kraig Noble led the Club in the singing of "Home on the Range." We sang "Happy Birthday" to Beth Noneman.

Happy Dollars / Fines

Jeff Squire was happy that at least Northwestern won its bowl game, Pres. Ellen for fun at Trisha Barnes

house, Kevin Wolfe for not being sick any more, Kraig Noble for going to Orange Bowl, Zach Farrell for all the guests today and for his trip to Florida, Kevin Lawler for moon puns and Jim Heinrich for our speaker today.

Ron Gorby did the fines today. He fined Alex Pittman for thinking the women at his table were high school students, a bunch of people for not picking up badges, everyone who did or did not go out on New Year's, all those who made the resolution to lose weight, and all those that should have, and he made Ellen sing "Happy Birthday" to those people who did not get her birthday phone call.

Announcements / Presentations

- Gears and Cheers is the second and fourth Thursdays of each month.
- The membership push is still on. Get with your teams and invite guests to a meeting.
- Kathy Sampson won for correctly identifying our new billboard location on 29.

Induction



Dan Burke inducted Morgan Paul into the club. Morgan is the new library director and was sponsored by Sue Pittman.

Program

Kraig Noble introduced Chris Burton, the Executive Director of the Armstrong Air and Space Museum. About eight years ago the Ohio Historical Society shed many of its facilities, including the Armstrong Museum. A local group came forward to take over its operations and the first person hired was Chris.



We are two years away from the 50th anniversary of the first moon landing and the museum is already planning how to mark that milestone. In 2016, the museum had over 35,000 visitors and since opening in 1972 there have been 2,662,437 people attend the museum. In 1972 there were 14 people on staff, and that reached a low of 6 in 2010. With the program growth they are now back up to 11, with an exhibit technician being added this year.

The museum needs to change to keep up with innovations in space flights. They are developing more hands on exhibits and were recently given an Earth compliant lunar rover created by ONU students. This rover is three times as heavy as the lunar one due to the requirements of more gravity. The Museum has 14 acres of land in which to expand and has built a pavilion with more expansion plans in the works.

It also has acquired a transit van that travels all over the state giving programs to libraries and school groups. Last year they went to 90 libraries and presented at over 100 summer reading programs. They have expanded astronaut camp to two sessions with 30 students in each session. Chris said the museum still gets new items for the museum frequently, many being newspaper clippings.

Queen of Hearts

Dick Hudson drew a joker and had to give Kathy Baylass \$5.

Upcoming Programs

1-11 Mayor McGowan

Upcoming Greeters

1-11 Brad Seitz

1-18 Julie Kraner

1-25 Trisha Barnes

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.**

