



## THE COG

Rotary Club No. 3503

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February 1, 2016

### 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 Chris Burton from the Wapak Club, Jonathan Sell, guest of Dan Burke, Jan Heinrich, guest of Jim Heinrich, AJ Homan, guest of the club, and our Memorial High School visiting seniors Caleb Jones, Regan Tischler, Bre Mabry, Allie Ernst, Quincy Rable, Bennet Cisco, Bailey Rust and the Principal Bill Ruane.

Kraig Noble led the Club in the singing of "All Hail to Rotary." There were no birthdays.

### Happy Dollars / Fines

Dan Burke was happy to have Jon Sell as his guest, Dick Hudson for a California vacation, Linda Haines for St. Marys Chrysler support for the Hospice Gala (April 22), Bev Wilker for her tenth wedding anniversary, Allen Basket for the fun event at the Y and for the shoe collection drive, and Don Hinckley for St. Marys basketball programs.

Phil Schuman did the fines today. He fined Kevin Lawler for losing his name badge and then he did Super Bowl trivia, only catching Jake Sutton and Mike Makley with wrong answers. He fined everybody who had not been to a Gears and Cheers meeting, sat through a board meeting or missed the Y event.

### Announcements / Presentations

- New member orientation will be February 27 starting at 5:45 at JT's.
- Pres. Ellen thanked everyone who went to the Family of Rotary event at the Y. Fun for all.
- Elections are today. Don Hinckley passed around ballots.

### Induction



Dan Burke inducted Mike Burkholder as our newest member. Mike is the new St. Marys Director for Industrial and Community Development.

### Program

Kraig Noble introduced today's speaker. Mike Bartell is a former journalist and author. He worked at the Toledo Blade for many years and taught journalism at UT. He wrote a book about the All-Ohio space shuttle mission.

Depending on how you count them, Ohio is the cradle of astronauts, with between 25-30 having ties with the state. In 1995 the entire shuttle crew was from Ohio, with the help of a decree from Gov. Voinovich adopting one of the team. Mike covered the mission for the Blade.

The mission itself was routine, but it was delayed a month due to woodpecker damage to the insulation on one of the tanks. The mission patch had several subtle nods to Ohio, including being in a block O shape.



Don Thomas was one of the astronauts on the mission and over the years he developed a friendship with Mike. Don sent him a disc with "a book" about the mission on it. Mike printed out the several hundred pages and did a lot of work with Don to turn it into a real

book. It took a year over email, phone and in person every couple of months. They did publish "Orbit of Discovery – The All-Ohio Space Shuttle Mission," available now on Amazon.

Mike also talked about his meetings with other Ohio astronauts. In college, he got to interview John Glenn, and was so star-struck he had to be prompted to ask another question.

### Queen of Hearts

Bev Wilker got to draw for the Queen, but could not find her.

### Upcoming Programs

- 2-8 March Schemmel – Aug. Co. Wildlife Office
- 2-15 Stacy Perkins – Boy Scouts
- 2-22 Douglas Craig – Home fire safety
- 3-1 Jake Meinerding – New Water Treatment Plant

### Upcoming Greeters

- 2-8 Bob Leugers
- 2-15 Bob Leugers
- 2-22 Mike Makley
- 3-1 Gayle Masonbrink

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.**

