



## THE COG

Rotary Club No. 3503

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### Call to Order

President Ellen Hunter opened the meeting and Kevin Lawler gave the invocation. The Club then recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Guests / Song / Birthdays

Today's guests included Laia Mortimer guest of Rick Green, Ann Hudson guest of Dick Hudson, Jan Heinrich guest of Jim Heinrich, and Angie Klosterman from the Evening Leader.



Kevin Lawler led the club in a rousing rendition of "Viva La

Rotary". We also sang "Happy Birthday" to Rita Hilty.

### Happy Dollars & Fines

Our Happy Rotarians today included Ellen Hunter, Tammy Sanford, Dan Hosek, Rick Green, Travis Elsass, Alisher Khudaykulov, Gary Newton, Kent Strickland, Frank Klatt, Rebecca Regnet, Alex Pittman, Dan Burke, and Jim Heinrich.

Our Finemaster today was Randy Elsass. Randy administered fines to Ellen Hunter, Kraig Noble, Mike Burkholder, Mark Ashman, Trish Barnes, Dan Hosek, Dick Hudson, Rebecca Regnet, and even Randy himself! That was followed by a whole slew of group fines so in the end...no one walked away clean.

### Announcements / Presentations

- Ellen asked for prayers for Jeff Squire and his sisters for the passing of their mother.
- President Ellen announced that the club was still taking nominations for the "Service above self" award for a non-Rotarian. We're looking for individuals that have Rotarian like hearts and character. The club will gift a Paul Harris award in their honor. She asked the club members for nominations.
- Ellen challenge all of us to get onto the Rotary.org website and make your Rotary profile. We really need our membership to do this in order for Ellen to complete my year!
- Gears & Cheers tomorrow night! We will be having it at Varsity Lanes Bowling Alley at 6pm for a quick meeting, then

bowling, food, refreshments, and fellowship.

- Pres. Ellen reminded everyone of the Annual Banquet being changed to WEDNESDAY, June 28<sup>th</sup> (aka Pres. Ellen's birthday)
- Next Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, our club will begin hosting the Group Study Exchange participants from Scotland! They will be joining us for lunch next week.
- Carp Derby is coming up next Friday-Sunday. Spread the Word!

### Program

Kraig Noble introduced Tess Elshoff our speaker today. Tess is the current Chair of the Ohio Board of Education. Tess attended Wright State University majoring in Social and Industrial Communications. She served on the New Knoxville Local School Board of Education until 2011. While on the Board, Tess served as the Legislative Chairperson and was the representative to the OSBA Small School District Advisory Committee, and a past member of the Education Board at Holy Rosary School in St. Marys.



A stay-at-home mother of five, Mrs. Elshoff resides with her husband near New Knoxville. She was appointed to the State Board both January 2011 and January 2015 by Gov. John Kasich. Her term expires December 31, 2018.

The State Board of Education is made up of 19 members - 11 who are elected and eight who are appointed by the governor.

The State Board of Education's vision is for all Ohio students to graduate from the PK-12 education system with the knowledge, skills and behaviors necessary to successfully continue their education and/or be workforce ready and successfully participate in the global economy as productive citizens. Ultimately, all students will graduate well prepared for success.

### Queen of Hearts

Kraig Noble had the winning ticket for a shot at the Queen today but alas, she eluded him.

### Upcoming Programs

- 5/31/17 Rotary Group Study Exchange (GSE) Team from Scotland
- 6/7/17 Kevin Harlan, CEO Grand Lake Health

### Upcoming Greeters

- 5/31/17 Randy Elsass
- 6/7/17 Frank Klatt
- 6/14/17 Robbie Bechtel

The meeting was adjourned after recitation of the "Four Way Test".

