



## THE COG

Rotary Club No. 3503

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### Call to Order

President Jeff Squire opened his first meeting for the 2017-2018 Rotary year. Kevin Lawler gave the invocation and Jeff led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Kraig Noble led the singing of "All Hail to Rotary." There were no birthdays.

Our guests included Stephanie Kramer, our Interact Club Advisor, Jan Heinrich, guest of Jim Heinrich, and Cole Chambers, guest of Kevin Wolfe.

### Happy Dollars

Those who were happy included Jeff Squire, Kevin Lawler, Kevin Wolfe, Julie Kraner, and Travis Elsass.

### Fines

Travis Elsass did the fining today and he was quick and brutal. Her fined everyone who sang the national anthem over the holiday, anyone who saw fireworks, anyone who ate a hot dog or hamburger, and then for good measure anyone who didn't do those things. Two Dollar max....

### Announcements

Dues are due. If you still have outstanding balances from the last Rotary year please clear those up.

Jeff read a thank you card from Quincy Rable for the Rotary Scholarship.

Jeff recognized the Eagles staff on behalf of Ellen for all the work they do for us and presented them each with a small token of our appreciation.

### Program

President Jeff then led into today's club assembly. For the first order of business, he welcomed PDG Gary Newton to the podium. Gary invited the incoming officers and directors to the front of the room. He administers the oath to Jeff and his leadership team of President Elect Zach Ferrall, Vice President Travis Elsass, Secretary Don Hinckley, Treasurer Keith Fledderjohann, and Directors Alisher Khudaykulov, Wes Protsman, Julie Kraner, Bev Wilker, Kevin Wolfe. Sergeant at Arms Rick Green and Immediate Past President Ellen Hunter were unable to attend today's assembly.

Jeff announced that he would be using the Rotary International theme as his club theme this year. Rotary: Making a Difference speaks to the club's commitment to making a difference in St. Marys, in District 6600, and throughout the world.



Jeff went over the committee assignments. The 2017-2018 Cog paper is out with all the committee assignments but if you want added to a committee or if you want to draft someone to join your committee, there is time for that. Specifically Jeff asked if there were volunteers for the Cog Committee.

A new committee was formed this year. Ellen Hunter will be chairing the Small Acts of Kindness Committee, which will continue the new tradition of picking small projects that can be accomplished with a little planning and a little commitment and yet make an impact.

Jeff talked about the requirements for the Presidential Citation, including net new members, use of the official Rotary branding, and hosting a networking event for local professionals and organizations. Jeff has already talked to Abby Balster about

partnering with the chamber on a networking event.

The Rotary Historic Nature trail is in bad need of maintenance. Jeff is going to reach out to the city to see what can be done to revitalize that project. At the least, the trails need tended to and the flowers from the Girl Scout Golden Star project need to be attended to.

Our club will continue to support our traditional projects. Jeff wants to continue the fun Family of Rotary spirit that Ellen so easily fostered in the club.

### Queen of Hearts

Wes Protsman won the daily drawing but the Queen lives.

### Upcoming Programs

7-12	Gary Newton – Mongolia
7-19	Jack Hayzlett – Fair
7-26	Fred Hullinger -- Summerfest

### Upcoming Greeters

7-12	Kathy Bayless
7-19	Travis Elsass
7-26	Alex Pittman

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.**

