



## THE COG

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### Call to Order

President Jeff Squire opened the meeting and Allen Baskett led the club in singing, "The Lord is Good to Me" which served as both the invocation and the song of the day. No birthdays to recognize.

Guests included Jan Heinrich (guest of Jim), Stephanie Kramer (Interact Club Advisor), and Angie Klosterman (The Evening Leader).

### Happy Dollars

John Wale was happy for today's speaker (Past DG Gary Newton); Linda Haines for a great annual banquet and for those who helped; Wes Protsman for winning the 50-50 drawing at the banquet. Kraig Noble added to the pot for having been involved in the cemetery tour and Ellen Hunter was very happy for those who helped set up the new

Rotary display cases and for completion of the annual banquet.



### Fines

Tami Sanford fined Keith F. for sending her another member's invoice, Kraig Noble and Zach Ferrall for front page newspaper pics, Sergeant-at-Arms Committee for 'cold seats', and Pres. Ellen ('fair game' since no longer President). Group fines levied for those absent from Country Concert & Arts Place Fashion Show, and for those who haven't walked barefoot in rain.

### Announcements

- Pres. Jeff thanked Linda Haines and banquet committee (Robbie Burke, Bev (& Mike) Wilker, Kim Ray, Linda Vogel); Linda Haines thanked M.C. John Coe, Ned & Kathy (Eagles), President Ellen Hunter (wine), Karen Hunter (cupcakes), Miller Textiles (linens) & those who helped set-up, tear-down, etc.—President Jeff Squire, Keith Fledderjohann, Dan Burke, Beth Noneman, Don Hinckley, MHS football players, and others
- President Jeff noted Rotary pins donated by Claire Schlomer; See Jeff if you have memorabilia for the display cases
- Kathy Bayless to speak at next Gears & Cheers at J.T.'s
- Club outing at Dayton Dragons game (8/5/17); more info later

### Program

Past District Governor, Gary Newton spoke to our club about his recent trip to Mongolia for what began as a vocational training team (VTT) exchange between midwives to help improve maternal and newborn health. Since Gary's wife, Debbie, is a midwife, she joined him for this trip.



After initial attempts to partner with Honduras or Guatemala failed, a connection was finally made with Mongolia who was more than willing to host the exchange.

As Gary explained, global exchanges often reveal a significant need that is going unmet. Mongolia is the 18<sup>th</sup> largest sovereign country in the world but has a population of only three million people. It is landlocked between Siberia and China and, therefore, has a harsh climate and many remote areas that are missing the advantages of modern medical technology.

Gary, Debbie, and the rest of the exchange team visited the two largest hospitals in the capital city of Ulaanbaatar that includes nearly half of the country's population. Each of these hospitals delivers 30-40 babies per day. Nonetheless, there were no birthing simulation programs and facilities to help prepare mothers for childbirth. This sparked the idea to initiate a

Rotary Global Grant project to develop a birthing simulation center in Ulaanbaatar.

This project is a joint venture between Rotary and the Mongolian Ministry of Health and the Center for Human Development, but it cannot happen without our help. Rotary's goal is to raise \$200,500. After Rotary International and District designated funds are counted, a total of about \$53,000 is being requested from club members within our District.

This is a very reasonable goal. In fact, if each of our members donate an amount of \$100, this amount will be multiplied by a match from the Heinrich Family Foundation, from our club, and from the District. If you have not done so already, we ask you to consider what you can do to help support this worthwhile project.

### Queen of Hearts

Wes Protsman won the drawing again, but did not find the Queen.

### Upcoming Programs

- 7/19 Jack Hayzlett, Auglaize County Fair
- 7/26 Fred Hullinger, SummerFest

### Upcoming Greeters

- 7/19 Travis Elsass
- 7/26 Alex Pittman
- 8/2 Mark Ashman

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

