



## THE COG

Rotary Club No. 3503

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### Call to Order

President Jeff Squire opened the meeting, and Rita Hilty offered the invocation.

Guest Rotarian Tom Kirk (Grand Lake) joined the meeting. Other guests were Jan Heinrich (guest of Jim), and soon-to-be-a-husband Jake Dowling (*The Evening Leader*).

Zach Ferrall led the singing of "All Hail to Rotary", as well as "Happy Birthday" to John Coe and Ellen Hunter.



### Happy Dollars

There were many happy people for wonderful reasons, but the COG author was not one of them, as she was unprepared for the early start time and her laptop decided to take its sweet time getting started. C'est la vie.

### Fines

Finemaster Travis Elsass doled out group fines to anyone who has not mowed grass this week, was not in Grand Rapids this past weekend, has not gone to Gears and Cheers this month, and has not signed up for annual banquet.

### Announcements

- Thanks to everyone who helped with yard work at Rotary Park
- No meetings on Wed., 7/4/18 or on 7/11/18
- Annual Banquet scheduled for Thur., 7/12/18.
- Gears and Cheers tomorrow night with guest speaker Stephanie Kramer, advisor for the Interact Club

### Program #1

Tom Kirk, from the Grand Lake Rotary Club, gave a brief presentation on a project his club is supporting, and one he hopes will become a Rotary International project.



Navajo Nation, located primarily in Northeast Arizona, has a water crisis. Forty percent of Navajo do not have access to running water. There is a fifteen year waiting list for getting a home hooked up to a main water line. Wells are typically not an option due to the expense and no guarantee of clean water. The solution is large water storage system with solar pumps, as well as community wells. Tom hopes to raise \$500 from Grand Lake Rotary and \$2,000 for other Rotary Clubs in our region to support the goal of bringing running water to the homes of the Navajo.



### Program #2

Kraig Noble shared the history of the St. Marys Rotary Club, which was founded March 15, 1938 with Lima being the sponsoring club. The COG was started in 1948, and for many years the club's song was "I Want a Girl" (...just not at my Rotary meeting (until 1987)). Before women were allowed membership, the wives of Rotarians were called "Rotary Anns" and had their own committee. Chris Noble threatened Kraig with bodily harm if he ever called her Rotary Ann. (Three cheers for Chris!) Our club has done many significant projects in St. Marys, including K.C. Geiger Park Playground, Halloween

Parade, the gazebo in Memorial Park, and significant contributions for the covered bridge and canal boat. Youth projects sponsored by the club include the Galen Cisco award, high school senior visits, and the literacy program (just to name a few). International projects include the establishment of our Japanese Sister City.

### Queen of Hearts

Mike Makley held the winning ticket, but the queen eluded him.



### Upcoming Programs

- 7/18 Zach Ferrall
- 7/25 Ron Stoner, clean H2O
- 8/1 Summerfest Preview
- 8/8 Was Portman-Arts Council

### Upcoming Greeters

- 7/18 Mike Burkholder
- 7/25 Pat Cogan
- 8/1 Linda Haines
- 8/8 Beth Noneman

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 am**

