



## THE COG

Rotary Club No. 3503

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January 29, 2020

### Call to Order

President Travis Elsass called the meeting to order and Alex Pittman offered the invocation.

Zach Ferrall led the club in singing "All Hail to Rotary". No birthdays to recognize today.

Visiting Rotarian, Mark Hogan (Findlay) joined today along with guests: Jan Heinrich (guest of Jim), Mike Wilker (guest of Bev), and Jake Dowling (Evening Leader). Also attending from Interact club were Cori Fields (Advisor), Brooke Yahl, Sydney Boedicker, Luke Schloemer, and Lucy Spencer.

### Happy Dollars

Bill Ruane was happy for having Interact members, for Club's sponsorship of Power of Pen plaque

and for daughter's 16<sup>th</sup> birthday; Bev Wilker for Interact group and husband attending; Ellen Hunter for husband's recuperation (20-yr-old replacement no longer needed) and for Family of Rotary roller skating (2/29/20); John Wale for each digit on hand that he didn't injure; Larry Hammond for next week's auction; and Brian Botti for boss who joined meeting.



### Fines

Brian Botti quizzed the group on Super Bowl advertisements. Did you know that the longest ad was not sponsored by Apple, but by Chrysler in 2011? Average ad cost \$40k back in 1967...and is expected to cost \$0.30 per viewer watching the game for this year's Super Bowl.



### Announcements

- Larry Hammond won drawing for extra Paul Harris points
- D.W. presented flag from Rotary club in India

- Interact club needs volunteers to help with their concession stand on 1/30/20 (see Bev or Kathy)
- Rotary Auction & Dinner--6:00 PM, 2/5/20 at Eagles (business casual attire) --No lunch meeting
- Next Board Meeting--2/12/20
- Gears & Cheers at Moeller Brew Barn--2/27/20
- District Conference--5/1 & 2/20 at Maumee Bay State Park
- Grand Lake Carp Derby--6/5/20
- Food Truck Rally--6/20/20
- Rotary Golf Outing--7/18/20

### Program

Jackie Jutte presented today's program on "Dock Dogs" --the world's premier canine aquatics competition. Dock Dogs got its start in 2000 with an event called "Big Air" --basically the 'long jump' of canine aquatics. As the competition has grown, many dogs are now jumping distances up to 36 feet, leading to the need for larger pools.



In 2005, the "Extreme Vertical" competition ('high jump') was added to Dock Dogs events. Jackie's dog, "Jackson" has jumped nearly 8 feet in this event. In 2008, "Speed Retrieve" event was added to test dogs' running, jumping, swimming, and retrieving skills. Finally, the "Iron Dog" competition was added in 2010 to combine Big Air, Extreme Vertical, and Speed Retrieve in a single

event. Regional competitions are held throughout the year, with a World Championship event held once per year (896 dogs competed at the last World Championship).

Dogs of almost any breed can enter Dock Dogs events. Even lap dogs and older dogs (8+ years old) can compete in their own divisions. As an accomplished dog trainer, Jackie admitted that dogs certainly benefit from proper training. However, as with Jackie's dog, Jackson (deemed 'unadoptable'), the most successful Dock Dogs possess a good temperament and very competitive nature.



### Queen of Hearts

Dan Burke's ticket was drawn, but he did not find the Queen.

### Upcoming Programs

2/5 Rotary Auction 6:00 PM  
(no lunch meeting that day)

2/12 TBD

2/19 Auglaize Co. Commissioners

### Upcoming Greeters

2/5 Lori Martensen

2/12 Gayle Masonbrink

2/19 Laia Mortimer

2/26 Gary Newton

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

**\* Please note: Rotarian who is serving as 'Greeter' should be in place by 11:30 AM**