

The Cog

Rotary Club No. 3503

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March 2, 2011

Call to Order:

President Kimberli Rompilla called the meeting to order. Pastor Ed Bray offered the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Jeff Squire led the club in singing "Wait 'til the Sun Shines Nellie". Visiting Rotarians today included Kurt Meyer from the Sidney club. Our guest today was Jim Dieringer, a guest of the club.

Happy Dollars:

Kimberli was happy that Zac Spieles was able to make her neck feel better, Deb Zwez for her shot at the Queen last week and that the power came back on quickly at the office, Kelly Kill for her winning the Queen not long ago, Karl Dammeyer for St. Marys' girls bowling going to state, Kevin Lawler for Doris Lawler's 50 year celebration for being on the

library board, Kraig Noble for the high school production of "The Sound of Music" this weekend, Ali Khokhar (through Jeff) that his furniture is being delivered (his wife will be delivered sometime next week), and Jeff Squire for getting three stars on each level of Angry Birds.

Fines:

President Kimberli found herself once again without a finer so she group fined everybody who did not get water in the flood, had made internet travel arrangements this year, is not going to Mexico or will not turn 40 next week.

Announcements:

Kimberli announced that the club had 77 current members and that membership was still an ongoing priority.

The Board did approve of working the beer tent for Summerfest.

The Board also authorized moving the club's office to Keith Fledderjohann's offices and the club will purchase a computer and printer.

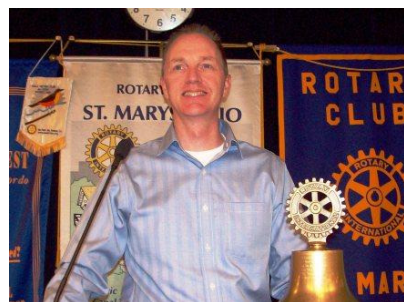


Kimberli presented a check to Jim Dieringer for our club's continued support for Buckeye Boys State.

The District Assembly will be April 2, and the District Conference will begin April 29. Please make plans to attend if you are interested.

Program:

Kimberli introduced Aaron Olsen, the plant manager at the Veyance facility. The St. Marys plant was part of Goodyear for many years. The Engineered Products division of Goodyear was sold off in 2007 and purchased by a private equity firm.



Veyance as a company has 34 plants in 24 countries. Our factory was started in 1939 and currently employs 386 people in the 830,000 feet facility. Most of the production is in the Defense division, with about 35% in rubber track and 5% in custom products. This plant also does the rubber mixing for other Veyance facilities.

The St. Marys plant is a fully integrated manufacturing facility. The plant has in house design and testing. The testing lab here is the second best in the entire Veyance system. They have revenues between \$150,000,000.00 and \$200,000,000.00 per year.

When Veyance took over the facility the first focus was on changing the attitude of the workforce with respect to safety. They are currently

over 100 days without an OSHA reportable incident at the facility. With the focus on safety, Veyance has been recognized by the Rubber Manufacturers Association for improvement in health and safety.

Only 30% of the capacity of the plant is being used. They need to have reserved capacity for military contracts. They are a full line supplier to the military, making the treads for the M1A1 tanks and the Bradley fighting vehicles. They also make civilian rubber tracks for construction and agricultural vehicles. The tracks are highly engineered products, not just big rubber bands.

Queen of Hearts:

Dan Burke won the daily drawing, but did not find the queen.

Upcoming Programs:

3/9 – State of the City w/ the Mayor
3/16 – Vince Koza
3/23 – Bob Ulm, Maverick Media

Upcoming Greeters:

3 / 9 John Coe
3/16 Ron Gorby
3/23 Dan Hosek

**Please note: All Rotarians scheduled to greet, please be in place by 11:30 am.*

Our meeting was adjourned following the recitation of the Four Way Test of the Things We Think, Say or Do:

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FREINDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?