



The Cog

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Call to Order

President Kimberli Rompilla called the meeting to order. Kathy Sampson prayed, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Ellen Hunter led us in singing a completely new song - "The Wheels on the Bus" - in honor of the little one. There were no birthdays. Guests today were Ron Meyer, guest of Kathy Sampson and Trisha Bell and Phil Thomas of Lima Hometown Stations.

Happy Dollars

Heidi Meade, Keith Fledderjohann, Marty Dodrill, Scott Ross, Frank Klatt, Linda Haines, Susan Heitkamp, Randy Elsass.

Fines

Randy Elsass was the fine master today. With a number of questions ranging from

Canadian politics to world population projections and the Royal Wedding among others, he managed to get \$\$ from Beth Noneman, Robbie Burke, Marty Dodrill, Pat Cogan, Tami Sanford, Darwin Ziegler, Ellen Hunter, Susan Pittman, and Kraig Noble. Group fines were for 1) anyone who had not recently been to Missouri, and 2) anyone who had not talked to Bob Kuck II in the last three days.

Announcements

President Kimberli Rompilla announced that the Rotary Annual Banquet will be Thursday, June 9. Also on June 16, St. Marys Rotary and J and B Pastries will offer a "Business After Hours" program. Also, dues are due.

Program

Linda Vogel introduced our own Kevin Harlan of Grand Lake Health Systems. Kevin began by mentioning that National Sleep Medicine Week is coming up, as is National Mental Health Recognition Week. He noted that our health services are a private not-for-profit operation. With a payroll of \$27 million, there have been no layoffs in our facility, the only health care operation between Cincinnati and Toledo to avoid layoffs. New and improved services include the move of rehabilitation services to Greenville, a Sleep Center has been established on Hager St., the Wound Care Center is slightly over a year old and occupational health and medicine services are partnering with Mercer Health and Dr. Torres. The procurement of an Emergency Medical Records machine has made emergency room services paperless. Also, ob/gyn services have been extended to Wapakoneta. Kevin proudly cited various state and national

recognitions received by GL Health Systems: They are one of 15 companies recognized for community innovation, one of 33 companies recognized for health and wellness. Their emergency room services are among the top 5% nationally, among the top 1% in patient satisfaction, and Home Health Services are among the very best. Among many building projects are the renovation of the 5th floor of the hospital and the operating rooms. They have also obtained the Minster practices of Drs. Gill and Bergman.



Fundraising by the Foundation and for hospice has been crucial for the advances made. Since 2005, almost \$1 million has been transferred from the foundation to the hospital. The emergency room has seen 25,000 visits; 76,000 outpatient visits; 540,000 lab procedures; 41,000 radiology procedures. Our service area has seen 22,000 different patients, who have visited 2.4 times each.

In response to questions, Kevin noted that our facility will emphasize recruitment of Primary Care physicians and not try to be another Cleveland clinic. Trying to provide such fine care with Medicare subsidies is not easy as

which facility receives how many dollars is questionable. He also questioned whether maternity services will continue at each and every area hospital.

As he concluded, Kimberli presented Kevin with a check for \$1,000 to the hospital foundation.

Queen of Hearts

Susan Heitkamp read Randy Elsass' ticket number, but Randy did not find the Queen of Hearts!

Upcoming Programs

May 11: Literacy Day & Dictionary Project Update... Sue Pittman

Upcoming Greeters

5/11 Allen Baskett

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

The 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 FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



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