



The Cog

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Call to Order

President-Elect Linda Vogel called the meeting to order. She offered the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. John Harrington from the Findlay club and Tim Dicke, a guest of Dan Burke, were our guests today. Kraig Noble, after a false start, led us in singing "All Hail to Rotary." We sang "Happy Birthday" to Joe Burke.

Happy Dollars

Dan Burke was happy for a vacation, a guest today and for his Lifetime Achievement Award, Susan Heitkamp for her vacation and successful cataract surgery, and Marty Dodrill for the New Bremen/New Knoxville Rotary Club's trip to the Dayton Art Institute

to see the Jim Dicke collection (spots are available if you want to go).

Fines

Sandy Matthews was the guest finer today. She did a quiz about summer songs. Jeff Squire, Don Hinckley, Joe Burke and Rick Gerdeman all knew the answers to their respective questions. Jeff and Kraig both got fined for helping others though. Ellen Hunter, Dan Burke, Tami Sanford, Marty Dodrill, and Robbie Burke all got fined. And, not that she is gloating, she fined everyone who did not get engaged last week.

Announcements

There will be a board meeting July 6 in the Eagles basement at 10:45 for the new board. All are welcome to attend.

Linda received a thank you note from Frank Bonifas for allowing him to speak last week.

Linda announced that Ellen Bryan won Miss Ohio this year.

Jeff announced that the first Rotary Summer Concert Series concert would be this Sunday, June 26, at 7:00 in the gazebo at Memorial Park.

Sandy Matthews announced that orders are being taken for new Rotary gear. See her for the new designs and the new shirts. .

Program

PE Linda was today's speaker. She wanted to let the club know the current status of RI's Polio Plus efforts. Linda had a longer DVD that she was going

to show us but when she preview the disc she discovered that it was mostly in a foreign language and she decided to save us from subtitles.

The good news is that Polio is history in most parts of the world. Rotary's involvement with Polio began in 1979 with a Polio project in the Philippines. The Polio Plus program was started in 1985 with the goal of the complete eradication of the disease. Today there are very few known cases. But, without the total eradication of the virus, outbreaks would be likely and devastating.

With today's easy global travel, all cases of Polio must be stopped, or a simple plane ride can transmit the virus anywhere in the world.



Linda showed a brief video of a National Immunization day in India. The coordination was incredible. In one day, 136,000,000 children were vaccinated with the oral Polio vaccine. The vaccine itself must be properly cared for to retain its efficacy, and getting the vaccine out to the rural and remote locations throughout the world is a Herculean task. India has eradicated 99% of its Polio, but the last 1% is the most important.

Rotary is currently challenged to raise \$200,000,000 to push us over the last hurdle. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has agreed to match that amount with its own \$350,000,000. As of the RI Convention in New Orleans, \$174,000,000 had already been collected, and Bill Gates has already cut his check.

Queen of Hearts

Joe Burke won the drawing, but not the Queen.

Upcoming Programs

6-29	Ohio Justice Bob Cupp
7-6	Club Assembly
7-13	Aug. County Fair Update
7-20	Frank Klatt on NASA
7-27	DG Helen Bolanis

Upcoming Greeters

6-29	Jim Harris
7-6	Scott Ross
7-13	Mark Ashman
7-20	John Wale
7-27	Bob Leugers

**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?