



The Cog

Rotary Club No. 3503

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Call to Order

President Linda Vogel called the meeting to order. Alex Pittman offered the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Guests included Tim Dicke, guest of Dan Burke and potential club member. Kraig Noble led the singing of "Old MacDonald had a farm," and while there were no birthdays we did learn there's a new "rose policy" in place.

Happy Dollars

Robbie Burke was happy to have a speaker, Dan Burke was happy to have won the Queen last week and donated \$100 of his winnings to President Linda's baby blanket/clothing drive, Linda Haines was happy for a new daughter-in-law, Frank Klatt was happy to be next week's speaker, Kelly Kill was happy for company over the

weekend even through many of them were ankle biters, Marty Dodrill was happy we had enough good looking Rotarians to be on a billboard, Kraig was happy to welcome a house guest, Ed Raudabaugh was happy to be back at Rotary and Linda was happy that no one complained about her Club Assembly.

Fines

Randy was our "Fine Master" today and he exempted Ed, Joe & Dan Burke but hit Alex P, Chris W., Linda V., Kelly K., Dick H., Pat C and Tammy S. for fines. The question of the day was just who is the current NFL Commissioner???

Announcements

July 30 is the Family of Rotary picnic and sign ups have commenced.



Checks were presented to Jim Harris for the dictionary project and Kelly Kill for Supper and Sounds and the Backseat Driver competition at Summerfest.

Rotary Update

President Linda updated the club with the 1938 date on which our club was built by Rotarians from Wapakoneta and Lima. 1989 was the year the club began accepting women and six years later the club installed its first woman president.

Program

Auglaize County Agricultural Society Secretary/Fair Manger Fred Piehl was "born ready for the fair." But he concedes it is not a one-man show. He said the fair is a successful event because of the hard work of the fair board members, 4-H kids, advisors and volunteers who come together to get the job done.



The fair is the most visible use of the fairgrounds. But Piehl said there are at least 250 other events that happen on the grounds throughout the course of the year, from picnics to weddings to animal shows to auctions. The fairgrounds were currently host to the Ohio Good Sam's, with more than 400 RVs parked for the long weekend.

An average fair boasts 1,800 livestock exhibits, along with rides, entertainment and fair food. There are 350+ camping sites filled during fair week.

The fair is big business, with \$520,000 in livestock sales and receipts of \$1 million for the week. While the fair is not profitable; Piehl says their goal is to break even every year. Costs include premiums paid to exhibitors and entertainment.

Popular events are the cheerleading competition, harness racing, the demo derby, motor cross racing, the tractor pull and the Gospel Tent. Auglaize County has an entertainment tent that features beer, and Piehl prides himself on booking quality rides and food vendors.

The 159th Auglaize County Fair runs July 31 through Aug. 6. Admission is \$8 per day and more information & schedules are available at www.auglaizecountyfair.org.

Upcoming Programs

- 7-20 Frank Klatt on NASA
- 7-27 DG Helen Bolanis
- 8-3 Mary Reipenhoff -Race to the Top
- 8-10 U of Dayton -Summer Appalachian Team

Upcoming Greeters

- 7-20 John Wale
- 7-27 Bob Leugers
- 8-3 Heidi Meade
- 8-10 Zac Spieles

*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.