



The Cog

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Call to Order

President-Elect Robbie Burke convened the meeting. Bill Maki offered the prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Our greeter Ralph Wiley introduced visiting Rotarians Harley Jones of Celina, Kurt Meier of Sidney, Chris Burton of Wapakoneta, and Paula Johnson of Bluffton, Indiana. Other guests today included Dick Oman and Jim Phillips guests of Jim Harris, George Plotner guest of Dan Burke, Jan Heinrich guest of Jim Heinrich, and Trisha Barnes and Candice Dicke guests of Tim Dicke. Jeff Squire led in the song, "America."

Happy Dollars

Happy Rotarians today included Linda Haines, John Wale, Randy Elsass, Kraig Noble, Jim Heinrich, Sue Pittman,

Keith Fledderjohann, and Rick Gerdeman.

Fines

Rick Gerdeman was our finer today. His victims included Sue Pittman, Linda Haines, Allen Baskett, Jim Heinrich, Kevin Harlan, Ralph Wiley, Tim Dicke, Dick Hudson, and Deb Zwez.

Announcements

Jeff Squire announced that new pictures are being taken for the Rotary Directory. Also those needing to add new information should talk to Don Hinckley or Keith.

John Wale announced that there are still spaces available for the Rotary's new football pool. He passed out a sheet intended to guess the quarterly or final score in the OSU/Nebraska football game. The charge for each square on the sheet is \$20.00. The game itself is played Oct. 8 and we will finalize pool and draw numbers at the Oct. 5 meeting. See John with questions.

Program

Robbie Burke introduced our program, Congressman Jim Jordan. Jim opened his presentation by speaking about where he sees us heading over the next few years. Federal government spending is out of control, and it is the responsibility of Congress to fix the problem. If federal spending is not reigned in, we will find it more and more difficult to avoid the looming financial crisis posed by the retirement of the Baby Boomers and the tens of trillions of dollars in unfunded liabilities their future government benefits represent.

With regards to our energy needs, there needs to be a common sense approach. Having suffered years of record high gas prices, the American

people deserve greater freedom from Middle Eastern manipulation of the oil markets. We need to increase domestic oil and gas supply by exploring and utilizing more of the energy resources we have at home.



We must also help keep our nation on the cutting edge by exploring alternative sources of energy and better ways to make use of them. We must also be careful stewards of our natural resources.

Jim agrees with most Ohioans that our Federal Government spends far too much, is cumbersome and bureaucratic. Many of the roles currently filled by government agencies would be better left to individuals, private businesses and non-profit organizations. Jim feels he is well-positioned to work on this issue from his seat on the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee. He will continue to consider and propose ways to reduce government spending and eliminate redundancy in government agencies.

Jim concluded his presentation with a brief question and answer period.

"Committee of 12" Jim hopes that they can come back with something good...but he is not confident they will be successful.

"No Child Left Behind" should not be a federal responsibility. It is better served by state and local leadership.

Jim also commented that his future plans are to stay put, and he feels that there will need to be some defunding of selected federal programs stating "it needs to happen".

Queen of Hearts

Lucky Jeff Squire claimed the winning ticket, but the Queen said NO!

Upcoming Programs

- 10/5 Galen Cisco
- 10/12 Auglaize County Sheriff Office Identity Theft
- 10/19 Mayoral Election Debate w/ Greg Freewalt, Patrick McGowan, Pam Hobler
- 10/26 Jim Heinrich and Rick Green Rotary International Foundation

Upcoming Greeters

- 10/5 Jon Hall
- 10/12 Kathy Sampson
- 10/19 Jeff Vossler
- 10/26 Paige Canfield

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

Our meeting was adjourned with 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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