



## The Cog

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### Call to Order

President Robbie Burke called the meeting to order. Bill Maki offered the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Jeff Squire led in the song "Rotary My Rotary." Mick Teman announced that today there were no guests nor visiting Rotarians.

### Happy Dollars

Robbie Burke, Jeff Squire, Susan Crotty, Susan Pittman, Mike Makley, Linda Haines, Karl Dammeyer, and Jim Heinrich [Jim Heinrich was sad to announce that Jack Goodnight of the Lima Club passed away].

### Fines

Randy Elsass came in with enough questions to fine everyone. After the attendance committee, he fined Linda Haines, Karl Dammeyer, John Wale, Keith Fledderjohann, Bob Leugers, Dick Hudson, Gary Newton, Lorraine Fischio, Marty Dodrill, Trisha Barnes, Mick Teman, Ron Gorby, and Jim Heinrich. Group fines also included anyone not wearing a Rotary pin, anyone not dressed appropriately for Easter, or anyone who hasn't gone skiing a dozen times this year.

### Announcements

President Robbie announced the following:

District Assembly is Saturday, April 13.

The 2013 District Conference will be held May 17-19<sup>th</sup> at Put-In-Bay.

Our club's annual banquet will be held the evening of Thursday, June 13.

The Dueling Pianos fundraiser will be held April 27<sup>th</sup> at the VFW.

The Red's vs. Marlins outing was rescheduled to a night game on April 21. Tickets are at \$30.00.

Ellen Hunter, chair of the attendance committee, wants the club to know that everyone with perfect attendance for the month of April will have their names placed in a drawing for a free lunch!

A thank-you was received from the Junior Fair Board for Rotary's annual purchase of a hog. Luke Lemmerman sent the note.

An invitation arrived from the Convention and Visitors' Bureau to attend their annual banquet on Thursday, April 11.

Also, Don Hinckley passed around a sign-up sheet for the Reds vs. Marlins game (night game) on April 21. Each ticket is \$30.00.

### Program

Robbie introduced President-Elect Dan Burke who in turn introduced our speaker, Mr. Dane Newlove, Performing Arts Chair in St. Marys for 27 years.

Dane wanted to inform us about the participation of the St. Marys All-Brass Band in the Citrus Bowl Parade in Orlando over the past New Year's

holiday, as well as their performance at Disney World.



He reminisced about previous trips taken by the band – eight in all – including the first trip to St. Marys, Ontario. Other trips included the Kentucky Derby, Indianapolis 500, and Smoky Mountain Music Festival.

The Orlando trip itself was quite an undertaking. Fundraisers helped each student pay the cost of \$750 and fortunately 120 of 123 band members were able to go. The group boarded buses on December 27, arriving in Florida 20 hours later. They marched and played throughout the 1.4 mile parade route, in spite of a driving rain. They also performed at Disney World and visited the Animal Kingdom and Epicot Center. They started their return trip on New Year's Eve Day and reached home on January 2, 2013.

In response to questions, Dane expressed appreciation for the role of band parents and chaperones (including our own Keith Fledderjohann), not only for raising \$10,000 to help cover expenses, but helping the students throughout the whole process. He noted that St. Marys band members' interactions with other young musicians and foreign students in Orlando was a unique opportunity for all of them; also, less than one quarter of the St. Marys students had had an opportunity to visit Disney World previously. In conclusion, he showed us a broadcast feed of our band

Marching in the parade, and also presented a plaque to Rotary with a picture of the entire all-brass band.

We are all sorry that Dane will be retiring this year, but he will stay active in area music events.

### Queen of Hearts

Don Hinckley announced that Rick Green was the winner of today's drawing (\$13.00) when the numbers were called, but Rick drew the four of clubs and the Queen lives on.

### Upcoming Programs

- 3-27 Sean Stroh – update on Neil Armstrong Airport
- 4-3 Mel Honig – member of Sylvania Rotary Club and their project in Central America
- 4-10 Vince Koza with Columbus Blue Jackets announcer George Matthews

### Upcoming Greeters

- 3-27 Randy Elsass
- 4-3 Bill Maki
- 4-10 Rick Gerdeman

*\*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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