



The Cog

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Call to Order

President Randy Elsass called the meeting to order. Rev. Bill Maki gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Kraig Noble led a rousing chorus of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic". Guests included visiting Rotarian, Steve Smith (New Bremen) and Hodge Drake (guest of Rita Hilty). There were no birthdays to celebrate today.

Happy Dollars

A long list of happy people parted with their dollars, including: Rev. Bill who was happy for developing a mobile Android/Apple application--his third one (wow!!!); Gary Newton was happy for trip to So. Cal. and for the arrival of his new grand-daughter; Kraig Noble for High Street opening (at last!!); Marty Dodrill for a 60-foot eagle putt; Robbie Burke for selling

hog raffle tickets; Ellen Hunter for her son's five year birthday; Dan Burke for St. Marys Band Parents Golf Outing (8/23/14) and Linda Haines for JTDHM Foundation Golf Outing (9/12/14)--maybe Marty D. will give us putting lesson before these golf outings.

Fines

Travis Elsass asked the group to answer trivia questions about Rome--the destination of his upcoming trip. Except for Trisha Barnes, who admitted to guessing, the rest of us did not fare so well. Late-comers were fined and those not planning a trip to Rome had to pay, as well. We should ask Travis to take us along so we can learn more about the 'Eternal City' and do better on the next quiz.

Announcements

Several checks were distributed during the meeting, including:

- \$326 to Sue Pittman-Literacy Program
- \$250 to Robbie Burke for Auglaize County Crisis Center
- \$500 to Hodge Drake for Otterbein Life Enrichment Center
- \$1,000 to Kevin Harlan for JTD Foundation Golf Outing, and
- \$1,000 to Kevin for Ambulatory Surgery Unit



Other Announcements:

- 7/18/14 -- Rotary Awareness at Lima Loco's game 7pm @ Simmons Field. Admission is \$2.
- 7/25/14 -- Sister Cities Lunch in Park--Awaji City Youth Delegation
- 8/13/14 -- District Governor @ mtg

Program

Our guest speaker, Deb Hemmelgarn, was introduced by President-Elect, Kathy Sampson. Deb is the Marketing Coordinator for the 2014 Governor's Cup Regatta, which will be held on Saturday, 8/23/14 and Sunday, 8/24/14 on Grand Lake St. Marys, in Celina.



Deb explained that the first Governor's Cup Regatta dates back to 1958 and the races ran continuously until 1970. Through the efforts of Tom Saddler, the Regatta resumed again from about 1995 until today. The primary sponsor of the event is Kozy Kampground & Marina, in Celina and this year's Regatta will be dedicated to the memory of Bill Goodwin.

The Celina course is a one-mile 'world record certified course' and this year's event will draw more than 60 boats and drivers from across the United States as well as Canada and Australia. For many drivers, the Governor's Cup stands out as one of the favorite events of the season so they make plans to join year-after-year.

The races are free to all spectators and there will be a wide variety of activities to help attract racing fans and families alike, including:

- Pancake Breakfast
- Rooster Tail 5K Run
- Free Entertainment--Two bands to perform on Saturday night

The Governor's Cup Regatta is expected to bring in up to 35,000 people over the weekend, serving as a great source of tourist revenue for many local businesses. If you've never attended before, you might want to check it out.

Queen of Hearts

Jim Heinrich won a chance at the Queen, but she got away again.

Upcoming Programs

- 7/23 Veryl Cisco (the one and only) for Auglaize Housing Development
- 7/30 Russ Bailey, television host for Midwest Crappie series and producer of several sportsman DVD's
- 8/6 Rebecca Oeltjenbruns on "Performance Coaching"

Upcoming Greeters

- 7/16 Beth Noneman
- 7/30 Trisha Barnes
- 8/6 Allen Baskett
- 8/13 Shawn Brown

Note: Rotarians scheduled to greet should be in place by 11:30 AM.

The meeting adjourned after the recitation of the Four Way Test.

