



The Cog

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Call to Order

President Randy Elsass opened the meeting and Rev. Bill Maki offered the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Guests/Song/Birthdays

We welcomed Jim Christman (guest of Dan Burke), Ron Meyer (guest of Kathy Sampson), Kelsey Burke (guest of Zach Ferrall), Sue Pfeffenberger (guest of Dan Hosek), Amy Pfeffenberger (spouse of our speaker), Lance Mihm (Lima News) and Jared Mauch (Daily Standard).

Jeff Squire led the singing of "Rotary My Rotary". No members with birthdays were in attendance.

Happy Dollars/Fines

Dan Hosek gave happy dollars for John Pfeffenberger (today's speaker)

and his mother, Sue, with whom Dan works. Linda Haines and Kevin Harlan were happy for the Rotary gift of 'onesies' in support of the Hospital Foundation. Zach Ferrall was happy to be joined by his guest--a high school friend. Rick Green kicked in money for his vacation in Myrtle Beach. Rita Hilty was happy to announce the dedication celebration (3/20/15) for the health care expansion at Otterbein St. Marys. Susan Crotty was also happy to announce the CIC Meeting (3/23/15) and Susan Pittman announced the Business Person's Breakfast at the Library (4/2/15).

As Finer-of-the-Day, Ellen Hunter asked a series of trivia questions regarding member, Dan Burke. As a 1977 MHS graduate, Dan played tennis (2nd in WBL doubles tourney). Dan attended Ohio University and studied Commercial Art. Dan and his wife have three children. After being sponsored by Mike Kuck in 1983, Dan went on to become a two-time Club President. He enjoys golf and family activities in his spare time.

Announcements

- Lima Club Centennial celebration (3/21/15)
- Rotary District Conference at Kalahari Resort (4/16/15)
- Professional Asst's Day (4/22/15)
- Rotary District Assembly in St. Marys (5/16/15); see R. Elsass if you can help out at this event
- Community World Workshop at Defiance College (5/14-5/16/15); theme is "Brazil"; 4 local students to attend
- MHS is looking for a volunteer to host an exchange student
- Jeff Squire presented Paul Harris Plus Two award to Kevin Harlan-- Thanks Kevin!!

Program

We were happy to have John Pfeffenberger address our Club this day. John is a 2003 MHS graduate who lettered in football, basketball, and baseball. He graduated from ONU in 2007 with a Management & Accounting degree and later received his M.B.A. from University of Indianapolis. He and his wife, Amy, and young son live near Indianapolis.



Since 2007, John has worked for the NCAA at its national headquarters, in Indianapolis. He has served in several roles, including an assignment with the NCAA Eligibility Center where he helped certify student athletes to participate in NCAA track & field. John assisted in drafting and managing this group's policies and procedures and also conducted many investigations of individual athletes-- following up on articles, random calls, tips, etc. to ensure that all athletes were complying with NCAA rules for maintaining amateur status. At times, this was a very difficult process, since potential witnesses could not be forced to testify.

In 2013, John joined the NCAA Championships Division as Assistant Director of Finance/Accounting. In his current position, John serves as the lead financial analyst and provides

budget reports and analyses to help strategically manage the NCAA's 89 championships. With a budget of ~\$166 million, it's noteworthy that the NCAA is still a not-for-profit organization. Aside from financing the championship events, the NCAA also provides grants, scholarships, and revenue-sharing arrangements with participating schools. In addition, ~\$80 million is offered to student athletes to cover travel expenses.

John concluded by discussing the upcoming Men's Basketball Championship, otherwise known as "March Madness". There is a tremendous amount of planning for an event of this magnitude and it's an exciting time for John. Although many wanted 'inside information', John regretted that he couldn't help with our 'tournament brackets'.

Queen of Hearts

Chris Honefanger drew for the Queen, but she's still in hiding.

Upcoming Programs

3/18 Dane Marsee, OSU Office of Student Life

Upcoming Greeters

3/18 Kraig Noble

3/25 Alex Pittman

4/1 Susan Pittman

4/8 Kathy Sampson

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

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

