



## The Cog

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### Call to Order

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

### Guests/Song/Birthdays

There were no visiting Rotarians, but we welcomed Jan Heinrich (guest of Jim Heinrich) and Jared Mauch (Daily Standard).

Jeff Squire led the singing of "Wait Till the Sun Shines Nellie". No members with birthdays were in attendance.

### Happy Dollars/Fines

Randy Elsass was happy for the 'signs of spring'. Dan Burke was happy for Michaella's program, for her mother Kelly, and for the success of the H.S. baseball team. Kraig

Noble gave a dollar for his trip to see his son in New York; Ron Gorby for having over two weeks in Florida and for his son in the Navy. Kristin added to the pot for the "Dine & Dash"--St. Marys Living Center fundraiser (pre-sale tickets up to 4/20/15). Don Hinckley was happy for a good medical check-up and Kevin Lawler for returning to our Club meeting and for his grandson.

As Finer-of-the-Day, Travis Elsass started things off by fining his dad, Randy for not offering his dollar for celebrating 25 years with Edward D. Jones. He then asked a series of trivia questions about the weather. We learned that snow can turn yellow when combined with pollen, that an afternoon rainbow is usually visible in the east, and that the heaviest hailstone on record was two pounds.

### Announcements

- Rotary dues and due!!
- It's time to sign up to re-designate your Kroger card rebates to benefit Rotary
- Professional Asst's Day is coming up on 4/22/15; sign up for guests by 4/15/15
- Rotary District Assembly in St. Marys (5/16/15); see R. Elsass if you can help out at this event
- Two concert opportunities on 7/28/15—Music by the Lake (2:00-4:00 PM) & Appalachian Band in the Park (7:00 PM)
- Dan Burke offered 50/50 tickets for Rider Baseball Drop at K.C. Geiger (4/25/15)—benefits St. Marys Baseball Association

### Program

We were happy to have Michaella Huber address our Club this day. Michaella, the daughter of Mike and

Kelly Huber, is a tenth-grade student at MHS. She is active in Choir, Band, drama productions, and dance.

Michaella has also been involved with Girl Scouts for eleven years. Displayed on her vest, she showed us numerous patches she's received for various achievements. Each patch typically requires the completion of up to 6-9 activities. She has also received the Bronze and Silver Awards, with the latter being achieved for service projects completed for residents of Otterbein St. Marys.



Now she is undertaking a very ambitious project to help us spruce up the Rotary Nature Park--a project that should allow her to achieve her next Girl Scout milestone--the Gold Award.

Rotary has offered \$1,000 to help fund the project. Michaella expects to recruit other youth to help carry out the project, but she will perform most of the planning and design of the changes to the park. At this point, Michaella has ordered over 300 plants (mostly perennials and many shade-loving plants). Before these are planted, there is much to do to clear overgrown pathways and weeded areas.

She is also planning to place birdhouses, bat-houses (for insect control), and benches. Signage will also be constructed to help identify the new plants and trees, offering those who visit the park a learning experience while they enjoy the beauty of nature.

Michaella thanked the Rotary Club for offering her this opportunity. She related that, too often, today's youth focus too much on computers and games--instead of being as active as they should be for their physical and emotional well-being. She hopes that the changes planned for the Rotary Park will attract kids and all members of the community to enjoy being outdoors and to use the Park more frequently.

### Queen of Hearts

Robbie Burke had the lucky ticket, but the Queen still lives.

### Upcoming Programs

- 4/15 Abby Balster--Big Brothers & Big Sisters
- 4/22 Professional Assistant's Day
- 4/29 Chris Honefanger--Scouting

### Upcoming Greeters

- 4/15 Tami Sanford
- 4/22 Brad Seitz
- 4/29 Jeff Squire
- 5/6 Ken Strickland

*\* 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".

