



The Cog

Rotary Club No. 3503
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Call to Order

President Kathy Sampson opened the meeting and Sue Pittman offered the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Guests/Song/Birthdays

There were no birthdays. Rita Hilty led us in the song "Let me call You Sweetheart".

Happy Dollars

Dan Burke was happy for the Riders and going to the Buckeye game with his kids. Sue Pittman for Susan Crotty. Alisher for his trip to Japan and losing a few ponds from all the walking. Rita Hilty for trip to Baldhead Island even though she encountered an alligator. Dick Hudson was happy. Susan was happy that the marathon is over. Don Hinkley for the Riders and the Buckeyes. Keith Fledderjohann for

the Tri County Coin show drawing. Tami Sanford for the upcoming Tailgate for Cancer. Gary Newton was happy to be back. He was happy to announce the summit at Terra Community College.

Gary was also presented the club with 3 flags from other clubs.

Fines

Tami Sanford did the fines. Robbie Burke got fined for going to Rome. Kathy forgoing shopping for some baby clothes. Bev for a horrible picture on Tami's phone. Jeff Squire for just finally taking Bev's picture. Phil Schumann for golf season ending. John Hall for wearing jeans. Cog committee for not having the programs listed. Shawn Brown for texting during the meeting. Dan Burke for not subscribimg to the paper. Everyone for not participating in the marathon or for not buying tailgate tickets yet.

Announcements

Jim Heinrich gave a Rotary minute and announced that YTD only 41 cases of Polio remain.

Kathy presented Dan Burke and Trish Barnes with pins for bringing in new members.

Rotary Summit sign up sheet available.

Rotary Lake Erie Workshop on Oct 24th. Sign up on website.

Halloween Parade is Oct 22nd. All members urged to attend. Be there at 5pm

Passing of Ed Noble's hat with donations going to the Community Foundation.

Program

Ellen Hunter introduced speaker Diana Russell is the Director of

Fund Development at the Maria Stein Shrine of the Holy Relics.

Diana was born and raised in Louisville, KY and met Kathy Borchers of Versailles in the holy lands. Kathy invited Diana to Versailles for a wedding and has been here ever since. Diana is married and has two children.



The Shrine is located on St. Johns Rd in Maria Stein. The name Maria Stein can from Switzerland and means "Mary of the Rock. It is said that a miracle occurred on the mountain side. A young child fell and the mother thought he was gone. When she went to look for him he was picking flowers. He told his mother that a lady had caught him. On the side of the mountain there is a cave with a shrine. There is also a Benedictine monastery at the site. There was a Father Bruner that studied there and when the German immigrants came here they had him come to this area. He was a benedictine monk but knew he had a higher calling so became a missionary and established many convents in the area.

Visitors are welcome to come for peace, prayer and hospitality. The Shrine was the original mother house for the Sisters of the Precious Blood. The grounds are open 24 hours a day. There are several sacred places located inside and outside of the Shrine.

The Shrine is listed as a historical landmark. The relic chapel holds over 1000 relics of saints and is the 2nd largest collection in the United States.

Several groups visit throughout the year from young to old. The museum on the second floor is dedicated to the story of Father Bruner. The first floor houses the Pilgrim Gift Shop..

Queen of Hearts

Travis Elsass drew for the queen but she was hiding.

Upcoming Programs

10/7 Karen Blumhorst, from Capabilities

Upcoming Greeters

** 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".

