



## THE COG

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### Call to Order

President Jeff Squire opened the meeting and Sue Pittman offered the invocation. Rita Hilty then led the singing of "All Hail to Rotary". No Birthdays to celebrate today.

Guests included Stephanie Kramer (Interact), Jan Heinrich (guest of Jim), Melissa Smalley District Asst. Gov. from Celina Rotary, speaker Dist. Gov. Deb Cheney from Waterville Rotary, Bill Heipright from Maumee Rotary and John Ficorilli from Lima Rotary.

### Happy Dollars

Our Happy Rotarians today included Pres. Jeff for our speaker, Randy Elsass for the Hickory nuts having no worms and his piggy bank donation, Travis Elsass for season tickets to OSU, Mike Makely for the chance at the Queen, Rita Hilty for speaker DG Cheney, Asst.

Gov. Smalley and her son's birthday, Ellen Hunter for our speaker DG Cheney, Asst. Gov. Smalley and her new audiologist, Kevin Lawler for DG. Cheney, donation to Agape and the Amish produce auction, and Alex Pittman was happy about the Arts Place wine tasting event.

### Fines

Ron Gorby did the fines and fined Pres. Jeff, Rita Hilty, Renee Homan and Julie Kraner for badges and also fined Julie Kraner, Rita Hilty, Alex Pittman, and Tammy Sanford for missed trivia questions. Group fines were also handed out.

### Announcements

- Pres. Jeff read the thank you cards from West Intermediate School and High School Staff for school supplies.
- Thank you to Jim Harris for the Dictionary Project involvement 2000-2017.
- Gary Newton announced the trip to Sri Lanka January 12-24.
- Ellen Hunter asked for children book donations for our local free library. Ellen thanked the Evening Leader for the newspaper box donation for the books.

### Program

District Assistant Governor Melissa Smalley introduced our speaker District Gov. Deb Cheney.

DG Cheney reminded everyone of our theme "Rotary - Making a Difference" but DG Cheney has added a little to the theme "Working as a TEAM, WE can make a difference". DG Cheney explained that she is a cheerleader/coach and is here to encourage each club on a successful

season. DG Cheney described our clubs with a "team" analogy and reminded us that clubs are made up of a Varsity team (20+ years in Rotary), a JV team (less than 5 years in Rotary) and complimented St. Marys club on the great mix of members.

DG Cheney then spoke about her "story" and journey through rotary. DG Cheney's story started in 2004 when she was named Waterville's superintendent and was selected to represent Waterville School at the Waterville Rotary club. Her Rotary journey has been very important to her life and fellow Rotarians helped her through some of the toughest times in her life.



DG Cheney then spoke about her tasks for this year. DG Cheney's first task is to help clubs be stronger and attain the Presidential Citation Award. DG Cheney congratulated President Ellen on her success of being 1 of 5 clubs that received this distinction last year. Her 2<sup>nd</sup> task is to enhance awareness for Rotary through press releases, Facebook, and Instagram to promote Rotary's awareness. And finally, the 3<sup>rd</sup> task is increasing humanitarian service efforts. DG Cheney then explained her Polio Piggy Bank.

DG Cheney completed her speaking event by reading the book

"What do you do with an idea?" She explained her "ideas". First, she has the idea of having free libraries in our district and complimented the St. Marys' club efforts as this was already started. Secondly, she would like to have a Pizza for Polio event on October 24<sup>th</sup> for the awareness of our Polio efforts. Another of DG Cheney's ideas involved MESA and would like to see each club in the district take 1 day at MESA to help paint, pull weeds, inventory, etc. Lastly, DG Cheney spoke about her ideas on Interact and Rotaract programs and would like to see 100% of the district's clubs participate in a global grant this year.

DG Cheney completed her speech by reminding us of the District Conference on May 18, 19 and 20<sup>th</sup> in Toledo and encouraged all to get involved and attend. Don't sit on the bench!

### Queen of Hearts

Rick Green got to draw for the Queen, but she still lives.

### Upcoming Programs

9/6/17 Donna Grube  
9/13/17 Jay Albayyari WSU Lake  
9/20/17 Greg Johnson  
9/27/17 Opioid Epidemic Panel  
10/4/17 Paul Hoverman

### Upcoming Greeters

9/6/17 Pat Cogan  
9/13/17 Linda Haines  
9/20/17 Lori Martensen  
9/27/17 Jake Sutton

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

