



## THE COG

Rotary Club No. 3503

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September 12, 2018

### Call to Order

President Zach Ferrall opened the meeting and Sue Pittman offered the invocation.

Guests included prospective member, Rev. Tim Benjamin (guest of Ellen Hunter), Ann Hudson (guest of Dick), Jan Heinrich (guest of Jim), and Jake Dowling (Leader).

Jeff Squire led the singing of "All Hail to Rotary" & "Happy Birthday" to Ron Gorby.

### Happy Dollars/Fines

President Zach was happy for the Buckeyes & Riders; Jeff Squire for Lima Concert Band concert and wedding gig; Lori Martensen for increased enrollment at WSLC; Jim Harris for dictionary distribution; Brian Botti for 22 new Cub Scouts

and start of popcorn sales; Abby Balster for Biggy Coffee mixer and for VALU class; Dick Hudson for Queen draw; Ellen Hunter for guest, Tim Benjamin & son, Henry (new Cub Scout); and Sue Pittman for Arts Place Wine Tasting.



Ron Gorby, fined Sue Pittman for not being happy enough when giving happy \$; Mark Ashman for not announcing 5th child at Rotary; Rick Green for weekly jokes; Lori Martensen for COG 'error'. Pres. Zach avoided fine by singing a solo version of "Happy Birthday" to Ron Gorby. Group fines for those who haven't travelled the Buckeye Trail.

### Announcements

- District Governor Maris Brenner (Sandusky) visiting next week; let's make sure we have excellent attendance
- Ron Gorby auctioned more fish; Kraig Noble was highest bidder (more \$\$ for scholarship fund)
- Next Gears & Cheers at J.T.'s to feature Jake Sutton
- Tim Benjamin nominated for membership; notify President Zach if you have comments
- Zach Ferrall presented check to Brian Botti for scouting programs; Brian announced that his district has 1,044 scouts, including 33 Eagle Scouts

- Another check to Mike Makley for St. Marys All Brass Band



- Pizza for Polio event planned for 10/25/18; all are welcome
- Debate between Representative Jim Jordan and challenger, Janet Garrett to be hosted by New Bremen/New Knoxville Club at New Bremen American Legion (10/30/18)

### Program

Marion Schoffner joined today to present our program about the Buckeye Trail Association (BTA) that was formed in 1959 to build, maintain, and promote use of the Buckeye Trail for the general public.

The original vision of the a hiking trail from Lake Erie to the Ohio River has grown to 26 sections of trails that stretch across 48 Ohio counties and cover a distance of more than 1,400 miles, making it the longest continuous looped trail system in the country.

Marion's slideshow included a number of pictures depicting the diversity of landscapes covered by the Trail. As explained in the book, "Follow the Blue Blazes", trails are marked by blue stripes painted on trees at regular intervals along the Trail. Maps and guidebooks are also available through the BTA

website:

<http://www.buckeyetrail.org/store.php>.



With no government funding, BTA relies solely on member fees. At only \$25/person/year (\$400 for lifetime), you get access to some of the most scenic areas of our state and also help create a legacy for present and future generations.

### Queen of Hearts

Ron Gorby drew for Queen, but found the Joker and had to share \$5 with Dan Hosek.

### Upcoming Programs

- 9/19 District Governor, Maris Brenner
- 9/26 Paul Enneking, Oktoberfest
- 10/3 Craig Riedel, Arden Baker – State Representative debate
- 10/10 Sara Chongson, Lima Rotary

### Upcoming Greeters

- 9/19 Bob Leugers
- 9/26 Rick Green
- 10/3 Alex Pittman
- 10/10 Tami Sanford

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

