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Wednesday, January 11, 2017

Head Table: Nancy Brokaw & Dayna Brown-Nielsen

Greeters: Surinder Sethi & Ron Springer

Lottery: Elleke Mesdag & Vandana Naik

Program: Shelleigh Birlingmair of the Children's Discovery Museum

Wednesday, January 18, 2017

Head Table: Bill Caisley & Hank Campbell

Greeters: Dale Strassheim & Ed Tanton

Lottery: Ron Pacha & Robert Porter

Program:



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President Jim Rosenlund convened the first Normal Rotary meeting of 2017, and the invocation was given by Hank Campbell. Whoever led the singing should have the job permanently, as far as Jim is concerned. (*That was Ed Tanton.*)

January Students of the Month:

- Andy Copenhaver introduced Advika Kamitar from U High. She has applied to many colleges, and she hopes to study biology or biological engineering with the hope of being a pre-med student.
- Connie Gentry introduced Jessica Quast of the Bloomington Area Career Center. She is active in volleyball. She plans to study graphic design and marketing at ISU.
- Ryan Fleming introduced Russel "Ian" McCormic of Normal Community High School. He plans to study political science at Illinois Wesleyan University, with a minor in linguistics.



Advika Kamitar &
Andy Copenhaver



Jessica Quast & Connie Gentry



Ian McCormic & Ryan Fleming

New Year's Quotes and Sayings provided by President Jim:

- Youth is when you're allowed to stay up late on New Year's Eve. Middle age is when you are forced to.
- Now there are more overweight people in America than average. So overweight people are now average – which means you have met your New Year's Resolution.
- A New Year's resolution is something that goes in one Year and out the other. (Groan!)

Announcements:

- President Jim made the second announcement of the slate of officers that we will vote on:

Jim Rosenlund-Past President
Hank Campbell-President
Sherry Hawkins-President Elect
Heather Wagner-Vice President
Marcia Dennis-Secretary
Treasurer-Ryan Fleming
Director of Club Admin-Dayna Brown
Director of Community Concerns-David Taylor
Director of Rotary Foundation & Int'l Projects-Angie Fulton
Director of Publicity-Larissa McIlvain

- President Jim also announced that he will focus on membership development during the second half of his presidency. The club needs new members to continue our good work, and membership development will require help from all of our members. Please look among your friends and associates to see who might be interested in attending some meetings and learning more about Rotary.



Hank Campbell & Art Drake

The **Mystery Host** was Art Drake. He presented the \$2 to Hank Campbell for stepping in to give a thoughtful invocation – and for stepping in to help whenever our club needs it.

Lottery: Student of the Month Advika Kamitar won the small pot, but failed to draw the elusive Ace of Spaces. The big pot grows and rolls over.



Advika Kamitar



Jim Rosenlund & Linda Healy

Happy Fines were collected by Judge Linda Healy:

- Hank Campbell's son, Mark, came in from San Francisco, and the two of them had a great time playing in the Snowbird Classic.
- Bill Rolley had a surprise invitation to visit relatives in Bainbridge Island, Wash., where the weather was good and the food was even better.
- Dick and Eileen Wagner spent some time in late December in Norway, IL, enjoying many basketball games.



Bill Rolley



Radha Radhakrishnan

More Happy Fines:

- Radha Rhadakrishnan had previously announced that he sold \$920 worth of poinsettias. It turned out that he received more plants than he should have, so he sold an extra \$40 worth. In addition, he raised \$100 for Coats for Kids. He's setting his goal even higher for next year.
- Elleke Mesdag fined herself for failing to wear her pin.
- Linda Healy was happy for a busy and fun holiday season, happy that her mother-in-law just turned 90, happy that on New Year's Eve, she stayed up until 2 a.m.



Elleke Mesdag

And even more happy fines...

- Jim Rosenlund was happy that he had an opportunity hang out with a high school friend, playing a lot of ping pong. Jim was happy/sad too: Happy that he is having hardwood flooring put in his house and sad that he decided to do the job himself.

Birthday auction: Gordon Ropp auctioned off a 13-count box of Chapstick ©, some ISU men's basketball tickets, a bottle of wine and a box of chocolates.

Next week's guest speaker will be Shelleigh Birlingmair of the Children's Discovery Museum.

Today's Thought for the Day comes from Brad Paisley, slightly modified by President Jim: *"Today is the fourth page of a 365 page book. Write a good one."*

Rotarians at work taking care of club business



Gene Gudeman & John A. Bishop



Larissa McIlvain



Art Runyon

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