

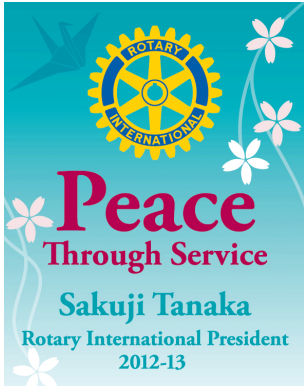
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<p><u>Wednesday, November 14, 2012</u> Head Table: Gene Gudeman & Ann Haugo Greeters: Jason Chambers & Alan Chapman Lottery: Connie Gentry & Jack Wilz Invocation: TBA Program: Mini-grant Recipient: Collaborative Solutions - Julia Madden Bozarth Judge: Bruce Bergethon</p> <p><u>Wednesday, November 21, 2012</u> Head Table: Linda Healy & Jeremy High Greeters: Mark Comadena & Andy Copenhaver Lottery: Becky Goeckner & Iris Varner Invocation: TBA Program: A Visit from Pilgrim Sam Fuller Judge: Ann Haugo</p>		 <p>Sustaining Members: 23 Club RI Contributions: \$24,825.50</p>
<p>Reporter: Paul Brauchle</p>	<p>Photographer: Jim Carter</p>	<p>Editor: Becky Goeckner</p>



Becky Goeckner and Rob Glover were at the head table.



Rob Cranston (and Marcia Dennis) handled the lottery.

President Art Drake rang the bell at 12:10. Alan Chapman gave the Invocation. This was followed The Pledge of Allegiance and one verse of America, led by Mark Sherman. There were no visiting Rotarians.

Bill Smlak introduced his wife, Joanie Moore. Joanie is recently retired from Caterpillar and now needs to keep an eye on Bill.





Meghan Listek introduced Ashley, a photographer from the ISU newspaper The Vidette, who, it seems, was just walking by and wandered into the Circus Room. She took some pics and enjoyed a free lunch while she was here.

Students of the Month, their schools and their hosts:



Todd Anderson - Flannery Cash – U-High



Skyleigh Peifer - BACC - Bruce Bergethon



John E. Bishop - Garrett Wooten - NCHS



Connie Gentry - Haley Lower - Normal West

Announcements:

There will be an NRC Board Meeting at 5 p.m. November 12 in Mercherle Hall.

November 12 is the set-up date at the Children’s Discovery Museum. Work starts at 8 or 8:30 and lasts a few hours. Please come and help for an hour or two.

On November 8th (tomorrow) there will be an ice cream social at McLean County Nursing Home. Hank Campbell said to come before 5:30 p.m. to help with set up.

Bill Semlak announced again that someone was needed to serve as Sergeant-at- Arms because Bill would soon be gone for the winter.

Rob Cranston is looking for folks to help with activities for an exchange student next year.

Becky Goeckner has received an email from Bob Hunt, regarding the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Graham and Marion Jones. Graham is a former Normal Rotarian and ISU math professor who retired

and moved back home to Australia. Just last year Graham served as Rotary District Governor there. Marion and Graham are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in December. Their son Cameron is asking for photos, stories, memories and/or wishes for their big day. Email them to capanno@me.com Please keep this a secret.

Sell Poinsettias!!! Sell Poinsettias!!! Sell Poinsettias!!! Sell Poinsettias!!!

Mark Comadena was Mystery Host and gave the award to Matt Riehle.

Judge Marcia announced the winning Lotto ticket # 766, claimed by Rod Weigelmann, and then asked for Happy Fines. Happy Rotarians today were: Dick Wagner, Connie Gentry, Bill Caisley, Ann Haugo, Dale Strassheim, Becky Goeckner and Gordy Ropp.



Gordy, with the help of his brother Ray and our four Students of the Month then proceeded to auction off an assortment of items that included: Scotch whiskey, Halibut, Salmon, Cod, Rock Bass, various wines, two Rotary mugs and a Funk's Seed cap.



Garrett Wooten & Skyleigh Peifer



Hailey Lower & Flannery Cash

After the auction, D.G. Gordon Bidner presented Ann Haugo, our club's Director of the Rotary Foundation & International Projects with a 100% club participation banner and certificate. Ann then thanked Alan Chapman for his good work last year that resulted in the award.



Program on Club Business:

Today's program on Club Business came in two parts. Drake Zimmerman discussed "Rotary Points" and Vandana Naik talked about herself and her favorite Rotary projects.

Drake said that when we contribute money to the Rotary Foundation we get one "point" per dollar

contributed. We can donate all or part of our points to deserving Rotarians to speed them up to the level of Paul Harris Fellow. We can donate points to individuals or other clubs. He said that the NRC had, in aggregate, about 70,000 points. Drake had the required paperwork (he always does) and after the meeting many of us did donate points to deserving recipients.



Vadana (pronounced “One-dina”) told about her journey from Bombay to Minonk. She married a dentist in India who had always wanted to come here to live and practice in a rural setting. That setting turned out to be Minonk, IL. They had a boy and a girl and finally moved to Normal, so her husband commutes to Minonk. Vandana became interested in the many public service projects that we have done in India. It turns out that our district has done 38 projects there. Her favorite project is providing mobile dental facilities and education for schools. Right now, 40 schools and about 5,000 students are participating in the program.

President Art reminded us about upcoming activities and rendered the following **Thought for the Day**. This one is from Ann Landers, who said, *“If you want your children to listen, try talking softly --- to someone else.”*

Random Photos:



Jeremy High & Kevin Smith



Ann Haugo & Gordon Bidner



Marcia Dennis & Kathy Alexander



Dale Strassheim



Surinder Sethi & Bill Caisley

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

- November 12** – North Pole Village put up at the Children’s Discovery Museum 8:00 a.m.- ?
- November 14** - Mini-grant Recipient: Collaborative Solutions. Julia Madden Bozarth
- November 21** – A Visit from Pilgrim Sam Fuller
- November 28** – German Re-Unification: Economic World Power – Iris Varner

- November 30** – Poinsettias arrive at Chateau – Unload & Deliver large orders
- December 1** – Poinsettia Pick-up at The Chateau
- December 5** – No Noon Meeting – 5:30 p.m. Holiday Party at Biaggi’s
- December 23** -
- December 19** – Elleke Mesdag

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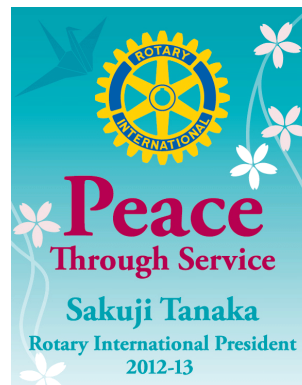
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