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<p>Wednesday, February 13, 2013 Head Table: Marci Schneider & Dale Strassheim Greeters: Kathy Alexander & Drake Zimmerman Lottery: Andy Copenhaver & Rob Cranston Invocation: TBA Program: Michelle Anderson, McLean County Auditor Judge: Bruce Bergethon</p> <p>Wednesday, February 20, 2013 Head Table: Art Runyon & Don Rutledge Greeters: Todd Anderson & Dick Wagner Lottery: Marcia Dennis & Connie Gentry Invocation: TBA Program: Margie Jordan, CASA of McLean County Judge: Ann Haugo</p>		 <p>Sustaining Members: 23 Club RI Contributions: \$ 17,075</p>
<p>Reporter: Cynthia Kukla</p>	<p>Photographer: Frank Matsler</p>	
<p>Editor: Becky Goeckner</p>		

President Art Drake opened the Normal Rotary Club Meeting for Feb. 6, 2013. Our Greeters were Elleke Mesdag and Dick Wagner. We began by greeting some people we have not spoken to yet, always fun. The Lottery was run by Alan Chapman and Mark Comadena, with Surinder Sethi winning two weeks in a row! He in combination with DG Gordon Bidner actually held the winning tickets and donated proceeds to our Coats for Kids project!

Ron Pacha led the Pledge of Allegiance and the first verse of America. Thanks to: Spoke Editor: Becky Goeckner, Correspondent: Cynthia Kukla and Photographer: Frank Matsler.

Guests: Wednesday, we had no visiting Rotarians. Our guests included four new Students of the Month who were introduced by their hosts: Rob Cranston introduced Emily Spychalla of Normal West; Gene Jontry introduced Cayla Cardamone of Normal Community; Becky Goeckner introduced Jasmine McDowell of U-High; and Marcia Dennis introduced Katie Camp of Normal West and the Bloomington Area Career Center. Other guests included: Heather Dennis, daughter of Marcia Dennis. Heather is considering joining our club, but there is some competition from the new Daybreak Club. Jim Rosenlund was introduced by Hank Campbell. Jim is also considering our club and we hope that both of them join!



Rob Cranston & Emily Spychalla



Gene Jontry & Cayla Cardamone



Jasmine McDowell & Becky Goeckner



Katie Camp & Marcia Dennis



Marcia & Heather Dennis

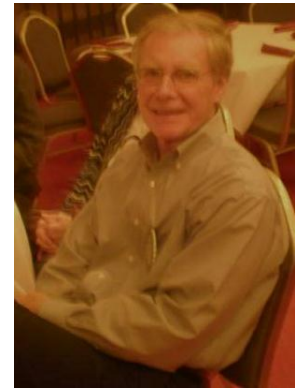


Hank Campbell & Jim Rosenlund



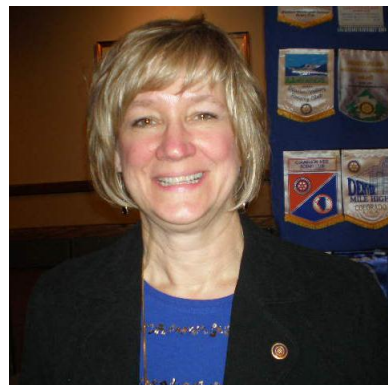
The Mystery Host was Linda Healey who honored Ron Timmerman for his work to ramp up our current fundraising efforts.

(Editor's Note: Did you read on Facebook about our Coats for Kids Project? <https://www.facebook.com/#!/NormalRotaryClub> - or how about The Pantagraph? Be sure to check out this story!)



We had numerous announcements:

- Normal Rotary board will meet Monday, Feb. 11, at 5 p.m. at Mercherle Hall. Agendas will circulate to board members soon.
- President Drake announced he is going to try to do a better job wheedling us into becoming a sustaining member (\$100 per year donation to the Rotary Foundation, or at least donating something to the foundation every year.) Make a check to the Rotary Foundation and give it to Rod or mail it to our PO Box. We can also donate online through the RI website.
- The B/N Daybreak Club is holding its first major fundraiser, the Cajun Craze April 13 at Lakeside Country Club. This is a crawfish boil, and there will be Cajun-style music that I think is a lot of fun. If you know someone who is interested in joining Rotary, take him or her along and show him or her a good time. If they can't make meetings at noon Wednesdays, maybe they can make those middle-of-the-night meetings that Daybreak has. (These are Art's exact words.)
- The Rotary Leadership Institute will be held Feb. 16 at Richland Community College in Decatur. You can register online by Feb. 7 at <http://www.hoa-rli.org>
- Linda Healy gave us great news that Oakdale School was recognized now 2 years in a row as a "Spotlight School". They are one of only 107 schools in Illinois out of 4,000 that were recognized. Spotlight recognizes low-income schools that raise the achievement scores of students. Normal Rotary's helps out Oakdale with tutoring and with the Promise Council. Both efforts are bearing fruit.



- Karen Hanson of Sunrise Rotary sent this announcement: District 6490 Conference Sponsorships: Platinum \$1,000 60" x 30" banner; Gold \$750 48" x 30" banner; Silver \$500 36" x 24" banner; Bronze \$250 30" x 20" banner. For more information, contact: karen.hanson@busey.com , bobkarlaweldon@cs.com or jwrector@gmail.com Mail checks payable to "Rotary District 6490 Conference" to John A. Bishop, 9932 Old Saw Mill Road, Bloomington, IL 61705. Provide banner text to Kevin Yonce, 1538 South Point Dr., Rantoul, IL 61866.
- Mark Comadena reminded us of the basketball contest since there are 60 squares still empty. He wants members to take a chance, \$10 per lottery square. Profits from this go to Coats for Kids.
- Gene Jontry reminded us that the Coach Jim Collie Vocational Service Award and the Public Health and Safety Awards nominations are due April 3. Please think of someone to nominate, Normal Rotarians are also eligible.
- Radha Radhakrishnan announced the upcoming ISU International Fair in the ISU Bone Student Center's Brown Ballroom on Saturday, March 2. He sent around a booth sign-up sheet. There will be a short meeting next week after our regular Rotary meeting with interested volunteers.



Don't be square! Buy one!
See Mark Comadena for details.



See Radha to volunteer for
the International Fair

The Birthday auction was led by Gordon Ropp who was assisted by President Art Drake, Gene Gudeman and our four Students of the Month. I apologize for not writing down the names of the birthday Rotarians who brought in the fun gifts.



Gordon Ropp & Art Drake



Gene Gudeman



Jasmine McDowell, Cayla Cardamone, Emily Spychalla
& Katie Camp

Judge Marcia Dennis was not a harsh judge this week. She only fined Michelle Houchin whose picture was in the Pantagraph sans pin and those individuals who were sitting in the back when there was an empty seat at a front table. The seat was right beside Bruce Bergethon – how can that be? We had some happy fines:

1. District Governor Gordon Bidner honored Alan Chapman and Hank Campbell for their work as District

- 6490 Conference organizers. Alan acknowledged that Ropp Jersey Cheese just bought a banner!
2. John E. Bishop had 3 fines: his son won in swimming: he had nothing of value damaged by a recent wet basement problem: and he will be a stand-up comic for an upcoming fundraiser. We should all buy tickets to support him since he won the last two years. **CLC Comedy Night "Funnyraiser"** - Friday, March 1, 2013 - 6:00pm-9:00pm \$20-\$25/person
 3. Art Drake was happy (?) that his daughter turned 40.



Judge Marcia Dennis



DG Gordon Bidner & Hank Campbell



John E. Bishop



Prez. Art Drake

It was time to install a new member! Lindsey Henry only came to one previous meeting and she knew we were it. Alan Chapman introduced her and Art Runyon installed her. Lindsey is on staff with Menhold Construction and Restoration Company. We look forward to getting acquainted and learning more about her. Welcome Lindsey!



Our 2nd newest member was Scott Carnes, originally from Pittsfield. He gave us a stirring biography. He went to SIU, then after graduating went to Green Bay as a church youth director. At Northwestern University, he attended seminary and started his ministry in Pontiac. Now he is at the First United Methodist Church in Normal. One year ago this Wednesday, he had brain surgery to remove a tumor and later had another surgery for an unusual relapse. He was on medical leave for 6 months. Now, in his words, he is "learning how to be a pastor again." His story of medical triumph was very touching.

REMEMBER the following upcoming dates:

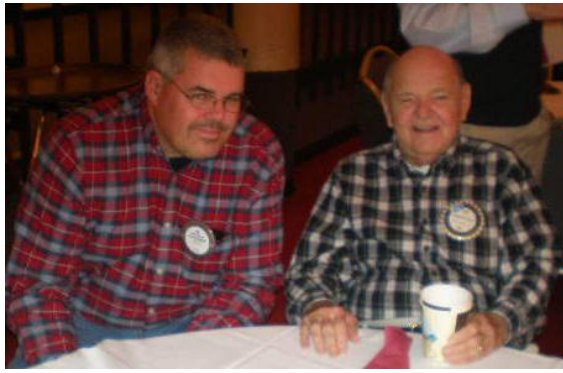
Feb. 7, deadline for online registration for RLI, which is Feb. 16.

March 2 – ISU International Fair

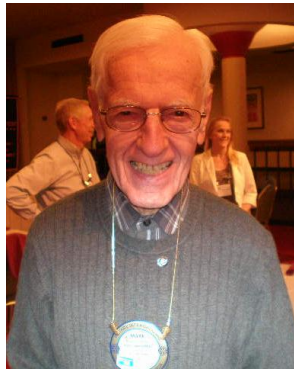
April 13, Daybreak's Cajun Craze at Lakeside Country Club

April 19/20 District 6490 Conference at the Marriott in Uptown Normal (Also, please consider supporting the district conference April 18/19 through a sponsorship banner.)

Thought for the Day: Today's SmART remark is from Malcolm Forbes: *"If you say what you think, don't expect to hear what you like."*



Ed Tanton & Bob Ward



Mark Sherman



Alan Chapman



Stephanie McClellan & Meghan Listek



Lindsey Henry



John A. Bishop



Bruce Bergethon



Surinder Sethi



Hank Campbell



Elleke Mesdag

Comedy Funnyraiser Info from:

<http://www.heartland.edu/alumni/events.do?id=1357774456833>

See John E. Bishop Live & On-Stage!

When: Friday, March 1, 2013

Where: The HCC Campus Café

Time: 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.



The Heartland Community College Foundation wants to make you laugh while helping disadvantaged students experience missions at the Challenger Learning Center.

This fun event features local guest comedians, pizza and sandwiches from Rosati's, a cash bar, silent auction items, and the awards for best comedian. Bring your dollars because you'll need them to vote for your favorite comic while a panel of "experts" will also decide on a Critics' Choice Award winner.

Featured Comedians: Dr. Jay Ansher ; John Bishop ; Nora Dukowitz ; Doug Minter ; Mitch Stebel ; and Joe Strupek

Proceeds from the event will support classroom scholarships for local schools to participate in missions at the Challenger Learning Center. Last year alone, the CLC provided scholarships to 188 schools and 4700 students. Tickets will be \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Mark your calendars for this one-of-a-kind fundraiser unlike any in Central Illinois. Make an appointment to give yourself the gift of comedy and a fun night out!

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

February 13 – Michelle Anderson, McLean County Auditor

February 20 – Margie Jordan, CASA of McLean County

February 27 – Glen Hoffmann, Director, Regional Alternative School "Facts, Fiction and Future of the RAS"

March 6 – Club Business & Birthday Auction

March 13 – April District Rotary Conference with Alan Chapman and Hank Campbell

March 20 – ISU President Al Bowman

March 27 - Normal City Manager Mark Peterson

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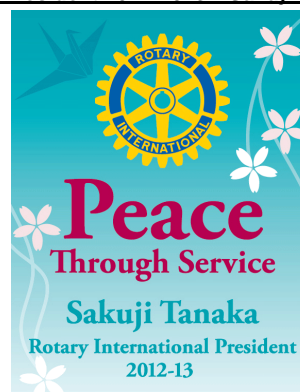
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