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**Wednesday, March 27, 2013**

**Head Table:** Students of the Month

**Greeters:** Bill Caisley & Hank Campbell

**Lottery:** Lindsey Henry & Stephanie McClellan

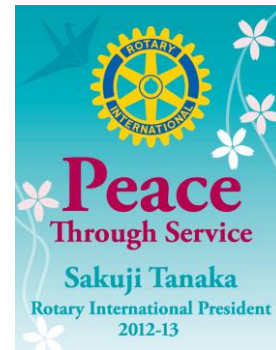
**Invocation:** Mark Comadena

**Program:** Normal City Manager Mark Peterson

**Judge:** John E. Bishop

**April Birthdays – Please bring a gift for the Birthday Auction**

- John E. Bishop 4
- Gordon Ropp 5
- Mark Hoelscher 6
- Ray Ropp 6
- Dick Wagner 6
- Mark Jontry 7
- Allen Goben 9
- Kathy Alexander 14
- Kevin Smith 16
- Meghan Listek 18
- Marcia Dennis 21
- Matt Riehle 21



**Sustaining Members: 23**  
**Club RI Contributions: \$19,266.68**

**Wednesday, April 3, 2013**

**Head Table:** Art Runyon & Don Rutledge

**Greeters:** Scott Carnes & Jim Carter

**Lottery:** Elleke Mesdag & Matt Riehle

**Invocation:** Gordon Ropp

**Program:** Club Business & Birthday Auction

**Judge:** Marcia Dennis

**Reporter:** Jim Carter

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Ed Tanton greeted us!



Michelle Houchin & sold us



Meghan Listek Lottery tickets!



Connie Gentry gave the invocation.

Presiding – President Art Drake; Reflection – Connie Gentry recognizing the first day of spring read a story

telling us what to plant – we need to squash some things, there are six P things we should think about, we need to turn up for some things and let us do many other things. Good advice and we do not need to get down on our knees to harvest the fruits of such plantings.

Jim Rosenlund was at the front table but Gordy Ropp did not join him. Hank Campbell stepped up and filled in his vacant place.

**Visiting Rotarians:** Joe Ciccolo from the Daybreak Club and Frank Gutwein from Peoria North. The Daybreak folks are promoting their Cajun Craze event April 13.

**Other Guests:** Bill Caisley introduced Scott Preston, a candidate in the up-coming election. He let it be known he is a graduate of NCWHS. Meghan Listek presented Joe Tulley for a second time. He is Marketing Manager for Uptown Normal and everyone thinks he should be a Normal Rotarian. Now we need to convince him.



Jim Rosenlund & Hank Campbell



Joe Ciccolo & Lyn Landon



Frank Gutwein



Bill Caisley, Scott Preston & Dayna Brown



Joe Tulley

NCHS student and host – Carson Varner was back with Rachel Hile-Broad – we heard about her exploits in cross country and track.

NCWHS student and host – Turner Reid was not here today.

U-High student and host – Wesley Ward and Roger Weller talked about his cross country and track adventures.

Bloomington Area Career Center student and host – Keenan Hollywood and John E. Bishop focused on his service activities.

We need to be at the Daybreak Chartering Event, June 8, Noon-4, at the Ropp Farm for the Chartering of the Daybreak Club, which we sponsored.

Dr. Larry Dietz was inducted as a new member last week. He missed his first meeting today, although his

boss was there.

The Mystery Host was still a mystery at the end of the meeting.



**Judge** – Bruce Bergethon got to fill in for Ann Haugo, whose absence was noted; Lottery winner was Heather Dennis, her first time. She did not know the process. So, Bruce instructed her, introduced her to the kukla and she learned enough to get a few happy fines.



After Bruce's performance President Art told us many reasons to go to the District Conference on April 19-20. Our club and some members will be recognized for being great.

Then Art reflected on his recent meeting with the NCHS Interact Club. He was impressed.

Why, Why, Why do you not listen to the request of our President to become a Sustaining Member? Commit to give \$100 per year to The Rotary Foundation. Even less is a step in the right direction. I have been doing it for years and it feels very good. Please join me in being a Sustaining Member even if you do not listen to Art.



Marcia Dennis, ISU President Al Bowman & Rotary President Art Drake

Marcia Dennis introduced our speaker today - Dr. Al Bowman, President of Illinois State University and an Honorary Normal Rotarian. He was happy to note he was on the search committee which hired Marcia. He talked about the University for a few minutes and then opened it up for questions. He has a good story to tell, especially in comparison to other state universities in Illinois. He received a standing ovation.

**Today's SmArt remark** is from the Internet: *"A bus station is where a bus stops. A train station is where a train stops. How many of you have a work station?"*

**REMEMBER the following upcoming dates:**

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

April 18 – Rosati's Pizza Fundraiser at Rosati's in North Normal

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, or even a business card ad. See Hank Campbell)



**UPCOMING PROGRAMS:**

**March 27** - Normal City Manager Mark Peterson

**April 3** – Club Business & Birthday Auction

**April 10** – TBA

**April 17** – GSE Team from Italy

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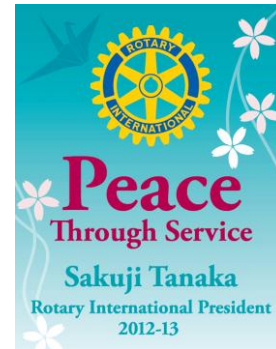
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