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**Wednesday, April 10, 2013**

**Head Table:** Marci Schneider & Mark Sherman

**Greeters:** Jason Chambers & Alan Chapman

**Lottery:** Gordon Ropp & Ray Ropp

**Invocation:** Becky Goeckner

**Program:** TBA

**Judge:** Bruce Bergethon

**Wednesday, April 17, 2013**

**Head Table:** Dale Strassheim & Pamela Sweetwood

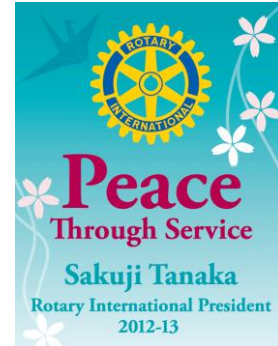
**Greeters:** Mark Comadena & Andy Copenhagen

**Lottery:** Jim Rosenlund & Ron Timmerman

**Invocation:** Scott Carnes

**Program:** GSE Team from Italy

**Judge:** Ann Haugo



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Rotarians and guests begin arriving.



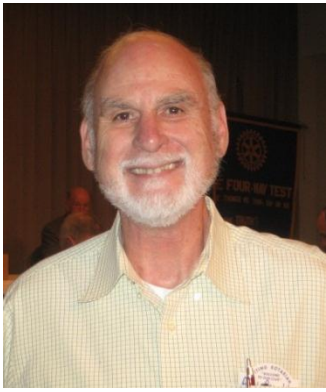
A busy buffet line.

President Art Drake called the meeting of Normal Rotary to order at 12:10pm on Wednesday, April 3.

Gordon Ropp gave the reflection, which was not limited to his assertion that Cub fans were once again bewildered to learn that the Cardinals got to select the new Pope!

*A moment of remembrance was observed for Andy Spelios and Juanita Ward who died March 31.*

**Guests:** Visiting Rotarian and former member Paul Brauchle was in town and paid us a visit. Former First Lady of the District and spouse of PDG Ray Ropp, Carol Ropp was in attendance. Janet Wilson with Ann Haugo; Cregg Miyat with Mark Comadena; and Andrew Kouba with Todd Anderson. April Students of the Month are Lea Waller from Normal West, and Nathalie Kieswetter from U-High and Caitlin Ketterer from the Bloomington Area Career Center.



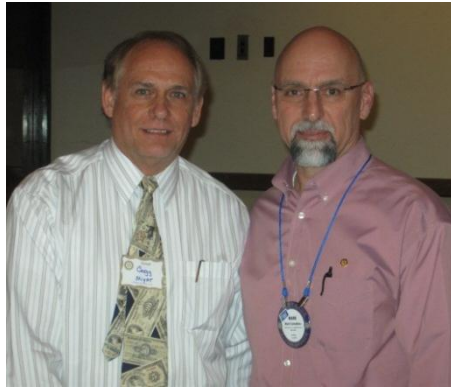
Paul Brauchle



Carol & Ray Ropp



Janet Wilson with Ann Haugo



Cregg Miyat with Mark Comadena



Andrew Kouba with Todd Anderson



Leah Waller & Iris Varner



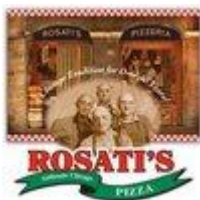
Nathalie Kieswetter & Ron Pacha



Caitlin Ketterer & Jack Wilz

Lyn Landon advised the gathering that she would be in attendance next week, April 10, with tickets for sale for the Daybreak club's Cajun Craze, their first major fundraiser as a club!! The crawfish boil will be held on Saturday, April 13 from 5-10pm at Lakeside Country Club. Music will be by Zydeco Crawdaddys. Tickets are \$25 each and only 250 will be sold to patrons! Make checks payable to Daybreak Rotary Club.

Daybreak's chartering celebration will be on Saturday, June 8, from Noon-4pm at the Ropp farm. We all are invited because Normal Rotary is the sponsoring club.



Normal Rotary will be holding a fundraiser at Rosati's in Normal on Thursday, April 18. No coupon necessary, just mention Normal Rotary when you order and the club gets a portion of the proceeds.



Easter Seals is asking Rotarians to volunteer at their Walk with Me event on Saturday, July 13 from

6:30am-Noon. A sign-up sheet will be circulated closer to the event.

Normal Rotary board will meet at 5pm on Monday, April 8 @ Mercherle Hall.

We were reminded to be thinking of individual to be nominated for the George Wolf award.

Dick Wagner was the mystery host and recognized Carson Varner for his vigilance on seats at the front tables being filled. Iris Varner won the lottery!



The honorable Marcia Dennis presided today and levied a hefty \$7 fine on Bruce Bergethon for the 7 AP Awards that WGLT garnered! Bill Caisley was next on the receiving end this time for his letter to the editor.



The various birthday auction items fetched a fine sum for April thanks to the speed and efficiency of Gordon Ropp & his assistant President Art Drake!

**Program:**

Today was the prospective new member “open house” for the club. Hank Campbell detailed the Five Avenues of Service.



The **5 Avenues of Service** are Rotary’s philosophical cornerstones and the foundation on which club activity is based:

**Club Service** focuses on strengthening fellowship and ensuring the club’s effective functioning.

**Vocational Service** encourages Rotarians to serve others through their vocations and to practice high ethical standards.

**Community Service** covers the projects and activities the club undertakes to improve life in its community.

**International Service** encompasses actions taken to expand Rotary’s humanitarian reach around the globe and to promote world understanding and peace.

**New Generations** emphasizes service to youth and young adults. We hope it will expand our community reach and tap younger resources as future Rotarians.



Sam Rush, Director of Friends Forever, detailed the exciting summer program that FF will engage in at Timber Pointe. 5 Jewish students and 5 Muslim students will be brought together for a few weeks this summer to foster better understanding. This will be accomplished in part with.....

..... The Illinois Shakespeare Festival. Ann Haugo introduced Kevin Rich, the artistic director for the festival. Kevin detailed how the festival will be organized, outreach opportunities that he has devised and the unique opportunity they have been afforded in this regard.



**IMPORTANT UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:**

As of Wednesday, only 12 members of Normal ROTARY had registered for the district conference, which will be held April 19-20 at the Marriott in Uptown Normal. Get those reservations in, even if just for a day!

Heartland Rotaract is looking for 4 Rotarians to assist Bill Semlak and their club with Adopt a Highway on April 19<sup>th</sup>. Contact Bill if you can help!

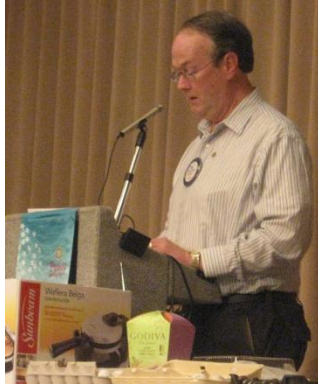
**Today's SmArt remark** was from Art's granddaughter who had a mouthful of Easter candy as well as one handful. She looked at her empty hand and said, "I need more for this hand!"

**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)



President Art Drake



Jack Wilz & Lyn Landon



Linda Healy & Sam Rush



We gather together!

**UPCOMING PROGRAMS:**

**April 10** – TBA

**April 17** – GSE Team from Italy

**April 18** – Club Fund Raiser at Rosati's in Normal

**April 19/20** – District 6490 Conference in Normal

**April 24** – Crystal Howard, Convention and Visitors Bureau – Tourism in the Twin Cities and its impact

**May 1** – Club Business & Birthday Auction State Superintendent of Schools Chris Koch – State of Education in Illinois

**May 8** – Student Scholarship Luncheon

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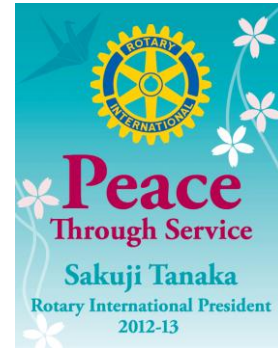
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