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Wednesday, May 22, 2013

Head Table: Roger Weller & Jack Wilz

Greeters: Connie Gentry & Becky Goeckner

Lottery: Todd Anderson & Bruce Bergethon

Invocation: TBA

Program: Club Mixer

Judge: TBA

Wednesday, May 29, 2013

Head Table: Kathy Alexander & Todd Anderson

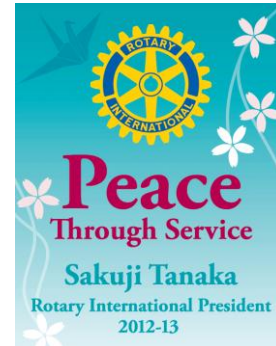
Greeters: Gene Gudeman & Linda Healy

Lottery: John A. Bishop & John E. Bishop

Invocation: TBA

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Sustaining Members: 24
Club RI Contributions: \$20,533.36

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President Art Drake called the Normal Rotary Club to order at 12:13 p.m. Hank Campbell gave a reflection. It was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and one verse of "America".

Visiting Rotarian: Susan Hoover, a member of the B/N Sunrise Club and our Assistant District Governor attended our meeting. She presented a 2013 presidential citation to President Art for the club's achievements and excellence on a long list of accomplishments throughout the current Rotary year.



Guests: Ralph Dude introduced his best lady Karleen Dude. Connie Gentry introduced the mothers of our two RYLA student speakers. They were Ms. Sandy Whiteley mother of Sara Whiteley and Ms. Dalia Williams mother of Dara Williams. Sara and Dara were today's program speakers.



Susan Hoover



Ralph & Karleen Dude



Sandy Whiteley, Connie Gentry & Dalia Williams

Announcements:

- President Art Drake said that on Friday, May 17th, the five local Rotary Clubs will collect Pennies for Polio at the McDonalds in town. Our club members will be posted at the drive-up windows of McDonalds located at Main/Beaufort and North Main Street. Please wear your blue Rotary shirt, talk to people about the Polio Eradication program of Rotary, and also thank the Dobskis who allow us to hold our the fund raiser at the local McDonalds.



Linda Healy has these lovely blue shirts available for members at \$10 each. New member gets the shirt for free, as one of the many perks for being member of the Normal Rotary Club. The same t-shirt is worn when we participate in Memorial Day parade. Please see Linda for T-shirts.



Becky Goeckner announced that Pantagraph recognized our Pennies for Polio drive and, as a result, she received a check for \$200 from friends who wish to be anonymous for the 'End Polio Now' program. The check will be sent to The Rotary International Foundation.

- On Monday, May 13th, the board voted to set the dues at \$140/ quarter for coming year, with the fee for individual guests' meals at \$10 each. This is needed because dues have not kept up with costs. This is still relatively low compared to most other B N clubs.
- The board accepted the resignation of Gary Wilson who has been unable to attend meetings. The board also accepted resignation of Pamela Sweetwood effective June 30 due to change in her job situation. Pamela has made this club look good on a variety of fronts: Chairing the Program Committee, Chairing the Mini-Grant Committee, and spearheading the HCC Rotaract.
- Hank Campbell announced that Normal Rotary Club's ice cream social at the McLean County Nursing Home on May 9 was highly successful. Room to room service was provided. (See story & photos farther down.) Hank mentioned that on May 3rd at Oakdale School, the Family Fair was a big success. About 35 athletes participated in the fair. Student and parent involvement was terrific.
- Drake Zimmerman announced that DG Gordon Bidner will shave his head if his goal of \$250,000 in Foundation giving is met. He encouraged members to donate to The Rotary Foundation.
- The five Rotary Clubs of B/N will carry flags in the Memorial Day parade on Monday, May 27th. Meet at 9:15 a.m. former Elks Club parking lot in downtown Bloomington. Wear your blue shirt & khaki slacks.

Bayo Adanri received approval of a project pertaining to the science laboratory equipment for a school in Nigeria. Total cost of the project is about \$18,000. President Art Drake presented Bayo with a flag with his name on it recognizing him as one of the District Governor's "Making a Difference Award" winners. Congratulations Bayo!



- June 5th is Rural-Urban night at the Ropp farm. Convene at 6 p.m., and dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. If you live in the City, please bring a friend from a rural area and vice versa. There will be no noon meeting that day. It is always a very educational and fun event. The birthday auction will be postponed to the following week and will be held at our regular meeting on June 12th.
- Also, on June 8, from noon to 4 p.m., there will be the Daybreak Club's Charter event at the Ropp farm. Since we are the sponsoring club, our members are encouraged to attend this event as well.

Mystery Host: John A. Bishop was the mystery host. He gave \$2 bill to Michelle Houchin for her fantastic job in running Scholarship Committee and its program. Michelle, in turn, thanked all committee members; who without their help the program would not be successful.



Paul Harris Fellow: President Art Drake emphasized the importance of The Rotary Foundation. TRF is able to improve living conditions, education, health care, and international understanding. Presentation of Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) recognition is The Rotary Foundation's (TRF) way of expressing its appreciation for a contribution of \$1,000 to its Annual Programs (humanitarian and educational programs). It is named after our founder, Paul Harris, a Chicago lawyer who started Rotary International with three business associates in 1905. Art recognized and congratulated the latest recipients of the PHF: Andy Copenhaver, Michelle Houchin and Karleen Dude.



Andy Copenhaver & Art Drake



Art Drake & Michelle Houchin



Karleen Dude & Art Drake



Judge Bruce Bergethon presided over us in order to serve justice and increase revenues. Judge Bruce felt that we are falling down in revenue generation, meaning it is time for more collection. The Lotto was won by John A. Bishop who donated the \$20 to Polio Fund and went about collecting today's fines.

- Bruce fined President Art for not naming correctly the June 5th event at Ropp Farm as Rural - Urban night and not the other way around.
- Then fined Rob Glover. His son Tim, an ISU athlete was named the Valley's Most Outstanding Male Field Athlete and was recognized in the Pantagraph on Monday.
- Judge Bruce quoted Jim Malay's nice letter to Editor praising Ben Gildersleeve for donating substantial amount for the Timberpoint Lodge project. In honor of Ben, the Judge asked everyone to contribute \$1.
- Judge Bruce had 3 single dollars left in his wallet which he donated for three things: (1) he is happy for Pirates 5 games over 500, (2) \$1 for Dick Wagner's legs; someone in audience said the fine should be \$2, a dollar for each leg, (3) we will miss Pamela Sweetwood...
- Dale Strassheim praised Mark Jontry for his "very good presentation" at this morning's breakfast meeting, and noted that the fine being paid was for Mark.
- John E. Bishop was happy that his son was named a member of the National Honor Society at the high school's Honors Program.
- Drake Zimmerman paid three happy fines: 1st for having to face the opposite direction to avoid Gordie Ropp's bright ORANGE shirt; 2nd he too will miss Pamela; and 3rd he was excited to learn that there is tuba and euphonium concert this weekend because of the Midwest Assembly of Euphonium and Tuba players.
- Don Rutledge was happy that he will miss next three meetings as he will be visiting his daughter and

his son-in-law in Austria.

- Cynthia Kukla was happy because she submitted grades on Monday and now is officially on sabbatical leave for a year. She already started her research.
- Kathy Alexander paid a fine because she has moved to next age group for running; meaning she will be completing with those her age up to infinity.
- Gordie Ropp was happy that a grandson just received a Law degree and a granddaughter will receive her bachelor's degree this weekend and then will be continuing her education at the U of I this fall.
- Linda Healy paid for "hanging in there with Gordie" by wearing bright ORANGE colored slacks.
- Hank Campbell was happy his son graduated with his Master's degree from ISU. He will finish his thesis in next 20 days and then Hank has hopes for his employment.
- Pamela Sweetwood reminded everyone not to say good bye to her yet as she will still be with us for another month. She shared what Heartland Rotaract had been doing in the last month such as Adopt a Highway, speaking at the District Conference and celebrating the end of the semester and exams.
- Mark Jontry was happy that he remembered to mention that he is a member of Normal Rotary Club in today's speech at breakfast.

Happy Rotarians:



Dale Strassheim



Don Rutledge



Cynthia Kukla



Kathy Alexander



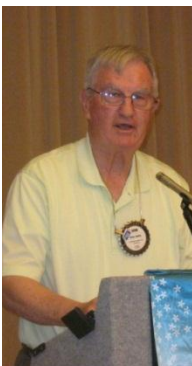
Gordon Ropp



Linda Healy



Pamela Sweetwood



Program: Gene Jontry introduced our RYLA student speakers Sara Whiteley & Dara Williams. Sara is sophomore at Normal Community West High School and Dara is sophomore at Normal Community High School. They both attended the RYLA camp.



Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is Rotary's leadership training program for young people. RYLA

participants are between the ages of 14 to 18. RYLA emphasizes leadership, citizenship, and personal growth, and aims to

- Demonstrate Rotary's respect and concern for youth
- Provide an effective training experience for selected youth and potential leaders
- Encourage leadership of youth by youth
- Recognize publicly young people who are rendering service to their communities

Every year RYLA camp in our District takes place at 4-H Memorial Camp, located approximately 30 miles southwest of Champaign adjacent to Allerton Park near Monticello. This year RYLA was held in the weekend of April 19-21. A wide variety of programs with experts cover a range of skill developing subjects such as Improving Communication skills, Resume Writing, Interviewing, Leadership Games, Making New Friends, Know Your Community Leaders, Financial Peace, Public Speaking, Motivation, 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens, Teambuilding, High Ropes Course, Challenge Course, Decision Making etc.

Our student speakers shared their experiences at RYLA camp. They shared how nervous they were initially, not knowing anything about Rotary, RYLA, other students from various places but eventually they felt comfortable with program and its environment. They thanked the club to provide an opportunity to participate in RYLA which they will relish for rest of their lives.

Thought for the Day: The meeting ended with today's SmArt Remark: *"I don't want to achieve immortality through my work...I want to achieve it through not dying"* - Woody Allen

Ice Cream Social



Thursday evening May 9 Normal Rotarians gathered at the McLean County Nursing Home to serve ice cream to any and all who would take it. Most did. Hank Campbell was the director in charge. His wife Mary came with some sherbet to add color to the group. Matt Riehle was there as a Rotarian and Director of the facility. Roger Weller, Becky Goeckner, Don Rutledge, Gene Jontry and Gene Gudeman were also there just to help and be friendly. Bill Caisley was present as a Normal Rotarian and a County Board member and Jim Carter was there as a Rotarian and a frequent visitor a couple of years ago. Jim got a hug from one CNA and had good conversations with two nurses he had come to know. One resident asked if he remembered her, and he did.



When we got there the man sitting up front was a person we had come to know – Rev. David Dees. Years ago he would show up at the Normal Rotary Club in late fall to sell cheese on behalf of the Kiwanis Club. Bill knew him as his minister more than two decades ago.



So, a few scoops of Chocolate, Strawberry, Vanilla, Butter Pecan and Sherbet and some cheerful words brought some smiles to many folks at the Nursing Home. And, we helped finish off some of what was left!

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

May 22 – Club Mixer

May 29 – TBA

June 5 – **No Noon Meeting** - Rural Urban Night at Ropp Farm

Saturday, June 8 – Celebration of Daybreak Rotary Club's Chartering at Ropp Farm

June 12 – Club Business & Birthday Auction

June 19 - Installation of New Board & Jim Collie

Vocational Service & Public Health and Safety Awards

June 26 - "A Building of Hope" with Roger Hunt, Interim Executive Director and Marci Schneider, Development Director

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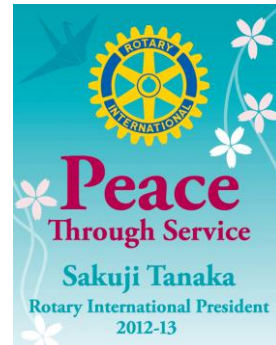
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