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Wednesday, May 29, 2013
Head Table: Kathy Alexander & Todd Anderson
Greeters: Gene Gudeman & Linda Healy
Lottery: John A. Bishop & John E. Bishop
Program: Joel Aalberts, Performing Arts Manager from the Bloomington Center for Performing Arts. " The BCPA – Where it Happens!"

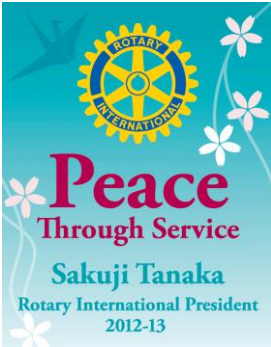
Wednesday, June 5, 2013 NO Noon Meeting
Rural-Urban Night at the Ropps
Gather at 6:00 – Dinner at 6:30

June Birthdays – Please bring a gift for the June 12th Birthday Auction

Ryan Fleming	20
Cynthia Kukla	23
Ron Springer	24
Lyle Raper	28
James Rosenlund	28



Wednesday, June 12, 2013
Head Table: Bruce Bergethon & John A. Bishop
Greeters: Lindsey Henry & Jeremy High
Lottery: Nancy Brokaw & Bill Caisley
Program: Installation of Officers – Birthday Auction



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

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Twas a relatively small and intimate group that gathered today. At the front table Roger Weller sat next to Heather Dennis. We did the regular things like buy lottery tickets, chat, eat and then Andy Copenhagen brought us together with an invocation. Singing was not particularly good today.

We then spent more time greeting each other because we did not have a lengthy agenda. Ryan Fleming was here with his temporary nametag but the word is he has been approved for membership; we just need to coordinate his presence with that of his sponsor, Stephanie McClellan. He has been a Rotarian at Champaign West for three years and is now here with Commerce Bank.

Guests: Bill Wills was our only visiting Rotarian. He was selling tickets for the Bloomington Pork Chop FUNdraiser June 13 – only \$7. Alan Chapman introduced Heather Beal, a former student who is now the Communications Manager for the Town of Normal. She was looking us over. Her boss, Mayor Chris Koos was also here. Iris Varner introduced Christine, her niece from Germany. Christine got a degree from ISU years ago. She secretly returned to Normal to help celebrate the 70th birthday of Iris.



Dick Wagner & Ryan Fleming



Alan Chapman & Heather Beal



Christine

Announcements:

President Art Drake reported on the success of the Pennies for Polio fund drive last Friday at the local McDonalds restaurants. The NRC gathered \$630 in the buckets plus another \$200 from an anonymous donor. The five clubs gathered more than \$2,600 in this effort. Great!

And, we received \$152 from the Rosati's fundraiser earlier in the month for our club.

Word is that this past weekend's Friends Forever walk was successful and brought in enough to bring the cash donation total to \$20,000. Normal Rotary promised to kick in \$5,000 when they reached this level. In addition, Friends Forever has received several in-kind donations, such as use of a 15-person van, two weeks of housing at Timber Pointe, and small items such as daily living necessities and art supplies. This is a major milestone in the effort to promote peace. Congratulations to the hard-working committee that is putting Friends Forever together in Bloomington-Normal! (from Normal's Facebook Page)

**Friends Forever 5K Peace Walk
"From the Mosque to the Temple"
Sunday, May 19**

Photos by Heather & Marcia Dennis



Rabbi Lynn Goldstein blew the shofar to start the Peace Walk.

The Walk began at the Islamic Center on Gill Street and finished at the Moses Montefiore Temple on Robinhood Lane, symbolically linking our own Arab and Jewish communities.



Linda Healy pushed the Blue Rotary T-shirts giving one to Ryan Fleming to welcome him as a new member. He is to join us when we carry American flags in the Memorial Day parade next Monday. Remember we are to gather at 8:15 a.m. on the street between the Elk's Club and Coliseum. Be sure to wear your Blue Rotary T-shirt and khaki shorts/slacks!



They announced many things coming up in the next month. People were requested to sign up on the sheets in the back of the room.

Mystery Host: Our Mystery Host was Mayor Chris Koos. He gave the \$2 to Bill Wills as a down payment for him to consider taking over the Pantagraph and making it better. Bill was a former editor on the newspaper and is now the editor of the District Newsletter.



Art Drake then awarded two Paul Harris Fellows to Jason Chambers and Mark Jontry – the first time for both of them.

Congratulations and thank you for your Service to the Club and to the Community!

We had a few happy fines after two fines levied by Judge Bruce Bergethon: Mark Comadena for not wearing his pin in a photo in the Pantagraph last Sunday and for Mark Jontry for being on WGLT this morning. Mark did not sound like he was wearing his pin.

Becky Goeckner presented a banner from West Liberty, KY, where she went on a Normal First United Methodist Church Mission Trip to help the small town rebuild after being clobbered by a tornado last year. She went to do service and was surprised to be able to find a Rotary meeting when there.



Today the featured speaker was Heather Dennis, a newer member introducing herself to us. Heather was another student of Alan Chapman, this time at Parkside J.H. She then went on to U-High and SIU where she got very involved in Cinema and Photography. She was fully involved and committed in all of her school days. The fact that she is Marcia's daughter may explain where that energy comes from.

Heather then went to Hollywood and moved through a number of challenging and responsible positions. After spending thirteen years in the area she decided she was not going to be able to change them. So, she came back home where she is now the production coordinator for ISU Athletics. Welcome back!

We ended the meeting a little early so we could continue those conversations.

Thought for the Day: The meeting ended with today's SmArt Remark: Adapted from Laurence J. Peter: *"Everybody serves a useful purpose. A miser, for example, makes a wonderful ancestor."*

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

- May 29** – Joel Aalberts, Performing Arts Manager, Bloomington Center for Performing Arts. "The BCPA – Where it Happens!"
- 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 – Installation of New Board

- Thursday, June 13** – Bloomington Rotary Pork Chop FUNdraiser
- June 19** - 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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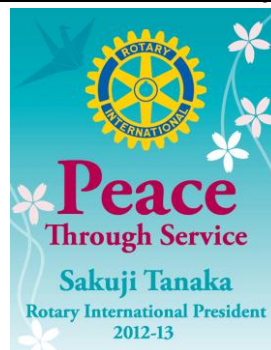
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