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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



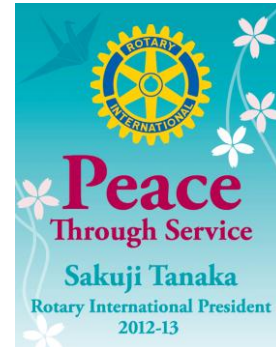
Wednesday, June 12, 2013

Head Table: Bruce Bergethon & John A. Bishop

Greeters: Lindsey Henry & Jeremy High

Lottery: Nancy Brokaw & Bill Caisley

Program: Installation of Officers – Birthday Auction

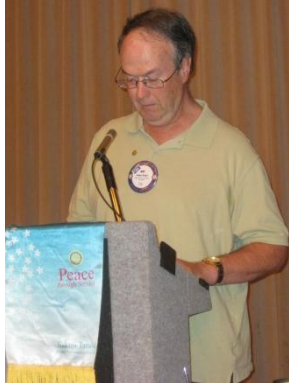


**Sustaining Members: 24
 Club RI Contributions: \$20,533.36**

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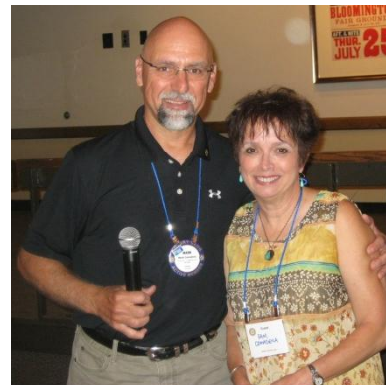
Last year we complained because it was hot and dry. Forces listened and provided us with a cool, wet spring. Today we had no rain and reasonably warm temperatures and it felt good. But still Rotarians came in to eat taco stuff in many forms. Art Drake performed as President for probably his last time. He got us started and brought us to the end in fine form. Thanks!

Matt Riehle gave the invocation and we sang and pledged.

Guests: The only visiting Rotarian was Don Dawson from the Charleston Club. Our guest today was Pam Comadena, Mark's wife, who was happy to say she had just retired after 33 years of teaching.



Don Dawson



Mark & Pam Comadena

Announcements:

President Art happily reported the total of the 5-Club fund raiser for Polio brought in \$3,519.55. Those pennies do add up!



Becky Goeckner asked for volunteers to write the Spoke and to take photos in June or any of the open spots on the schedule.

Dick Wagner had tickets for sale for the Bloomington Rotary Club's Pork Chop FUNdraiser on the square in downtown Bloomington, Thursday, June 13th. Advance tickets are \$7.



10th Annual Rotary Family Days at the Ball Park



Cardinal Care Baseball games: fund raiser for Literacy. Two Choices this year.....Wednesday, June 19th (night game) 7:10 pm and Sunday, August 11th at 1:10 pm.

One ticket price: \$45.00! Seats are in the Left Field Loge: 2nd Deck & Pavilion 3rd Deck

Mail orders with payment to: Rob Buffington, 2001 Barberrry, Springfield, IL 62704 + the following information: Rotary club name; your name, address, e-mail address and telephone number.

Tickets will be mailed to you the day the order is received.

Questions: call Marcia Dennis at 454-5047 or e-mail mldenni@ilstu.edu She will bring mail in forms to the Rural-Urban Night.

Buy tickets for the whole family or bring all your friends☺



Frank Matsler was the **Mystery Host** and gave the money to the person who brought him into the Club – Mark Sherman.



John E. Bishop was the judge and saw to it the winning ticket was his. Thankfully, we all follow the Four-Way Test so no one questioned it. Those in the second row and back got to pay a fine for not filling up the seats in the first row.



Then we had a few happy fines, including the other Drake (Zimmerman) being happy because he got a bee hive from Hank Campbell. Linda Healy put in a plug for WGLT's upcoming Free Summer Concert in downtown Bloomington on June 8th - grounds open at 3:30 p.m. with band performances at 5:00, 6:30, and 8:30 p.m. Wow!





Jim Roselund came up to tell us something about himself, as one of our newer members. He is from the western suburbs of Chicago and went to junior college in that area and worked in banking. Then he came to ISU to follow a young lady. Once here he continued to work in banking, got a degree in Finance from ISU and found a better young lady. He got married and has a boy and a girl. He continues to work in banking at Heartland, and loves it after 10 years with that banking system. He has a fat dog, plays some guitar, and brews some beer. He likes to give back and decided the Normal Rotary Club is where he wants to do that. A good introduction.



Program: Pamela Sweetwood introduced our speaker today; Joel Aalberts from the Bloomington Center for the Performing Arts. Once again Joel sang about the upcoming programs and we got to listen. He left us with the brochure for the 2013-14 season. He gave thanks to the many volunteers who help, including our own Ralph Dude. He also noted he sees many of our faces in the audience frequently.



The Center is now in its 8th year. Last year they had six sellout events, a new high. They had over 500 events in the Center last year, including many involving local students. The acoustics are rated very high and most visitors like performing here. The biggest draw was the Buddy Holly Winter Dance Party a few years ago. Overall Joel gave an informative and lively presentation. For his efforts he was given a *Normal Cooks* cookbook.



600 North East Street

Thought for the Day: The SmArt Remark came from George Carlin: “Think of how stupid the average person is, and realize half of them are stupider than that.”

Monday, May 27, 2013



Twasa a wet Memorial Day Parade. Those forces held the rain back until everyone was lined up and ready to march. However, it was not particularly cold and a number of people were out waiting for the parade. The bands did not want to get their instruments wet so they ran away. But the B/N Rotarians held their ground and marched on. They even lined up afterwards for a photo. Note that some persons covered their blue shirts with ponchos. (Dale Strassheim and Jim Carter were taking photos and did not get in the image.) Photo from Dale.



A couple of weeks ago we shared the announcement from Nancy Brokaw that she wrote, "*The Sky Is Falling And I'm Not Even Kidding!*", a play for children to be performed more than 30 times in area this spring. Your writer went to one performance and enjoyed it. The play was performed by Prairie Fire Theatre. The photo shows Nancy talking to an audience member.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

- 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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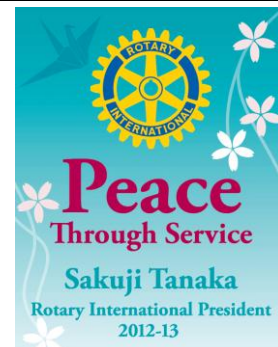
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