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Wednesday, May 15, 2013

Head Table: Carson & Iris Varner

Greeters: Gene Gudeman & Linda Healy

Lottery: Jack Wilz & Kathy Alexander

Invocation: TBA

Program: RYLA Students Dara Williams & Sara Whiteley

Judge: TBA

Wednesday, May 22, 2013

Head Table: Roger Weller & Jack Wilz

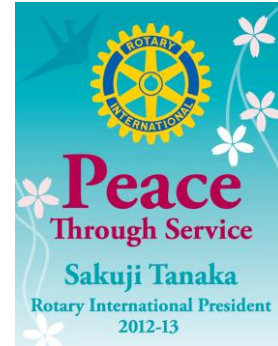
Greeters: Connie Gentry & Becky Goeckner

Lottery: Todd Anderson & Bruce Bergethon

Invocation: TBA

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Sustaining Members: 24

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This was not your usual Normal Rotary Club meeting. The nametags were distributed outside the Circus Room. Inside tables were set up on the main floor and on the elevated levels to either side. We filled up the main floor and the tables on the east side. We had a nice presentation of food.



Today was the day the Scholarship Committee took their bow. After interviewing many great students and choosing among them, they presented six scholarships. Credit goes to Director Michelle Houchin, the Chair of the Committee, and the members: Todd Anderson, Gordon Bidner, John E. Bishop, Dayna Brown, Hank Campbell, Scott Carnes, Mark Comadena, Becky Goeckner, Linda Healy, Frank Matsler, Radha Radhakrishna, Ray Ropp, Art Runyon, Don Rutledge, Dale Strassheim, and Roger Weller. In addition the Heartland Community College Normal Rotary Club Art Adams Scholarship was awarded.

Sometimes we forget how much work goes into the things we produce. Thank you to all who worked on this committee and to all who sold poinsettias and partook in other activities to raise the money to fund the scholarships.

The meeting was called to order at the usual time by President Art Drake. We stood, had a focused invocation by Alan Chapman, then recited the Pledge of Allegiance and sang one verse of America. We had no visiting Rotarians. Art reminded us of a few of the many events coming up and then turned the program over to Dr. Alan Chapman who served as the moderator. He did little moderating as six

members of the Scholarship Committee systematically came forward with a scholarship winner, introduced the student, the parents and representative of their school. This was then followed by the HCC presentation.

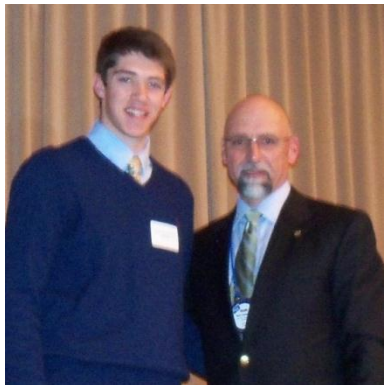
Each host told about the accomplishments of the student with a focus on their service and responsibilities. The rest of us in the attendance were proud that we were recognizing such accomplishments.



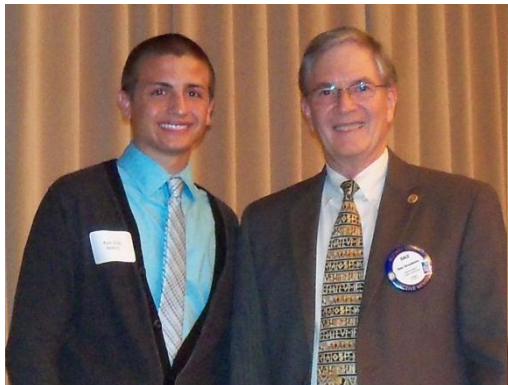
Becky Goeckner recognized Patience Ledford of the Bloomington Area Career Center and Olympia High School.



Normal Community High School student Alexandra Wiegand was recognized by Andy Copenhaver and Roger Weller paid honors to Matthew Reeps also of NCHS.



Mark Comadena had the honor of presenting the award to Adam Neuhouser of Normal West and Dale Strassheim made the presentation to Kyle Zulz also of Normal West.



The University High School winner was Emilee Esther Gibson with the award presented by Todd Anderson.

Pamela Sweetwood made the presentation of the Normal Rotary Club Art Adams Scholarship to Heartland Community College student Nakeisha Campbell. Pamela pointed out the role long-time Rotarian Art Adams had in establishing Heartland Community College.



President Art Drake returned to the podium to make a few more announcements about upcoming events. He did not present a cookbook to anyone today.

The SmArt Remark was relevant to the focus of the day: "Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire." From W. B. Yeats

We then adjourned at 12:40 – early by all standards. But, by dismissing so early many parents and students had time to stay and chat for a few minutes. That was a nice end to a nice day.

"The Sky Is Falling And I'm Not Even Kidding!"

Prairie Fire Theatre's 10th annual touring opera for children is "The Sky Is Falling And I'm Not Even Kidding!" This fun-filled 35-minute romp, set to tour in May, is based on the folktale "Henny Penny" and Aesop's fable "The Boy Who Cried Wolf." In addition to performing at dozens of local schools, the show will be presented at 6 p.m., May 10 at First Presbyterian Church, Normal; 10 a.m., May 11 at the Normal Public Library; and 2 p.m., May 18 at the Unitarian Universalist Church, Bloomington. All performances are free and tickets are not necessary. The May 10 performance is sponsored by Kindermusik.

The show, aimed at both the young and the young-at-heart, bubbles with comedy, drama, and beautifully performed music. The story begins with Henny Penny, who confuses a falling acorn with a falling sky. Foghorn Red, a reporter rooster, who chases ratings over facts, is all over the story. Henny and Foghorn lead the barnyard into a morass of misinformation, miscommunication, and, finally, near disaster at the hands of rumor-fueling Foxy Loxy. When order is at last restored, all the barnyard animals have learned a thing or two about thinking before speaking, putting others first, and examining the facts.

"The Sky Is Falling and I'm Not Even Kidding!" is Prairie Fire Theatre's 10th consecutive touring children's opera and kicks off their 16th season. The show features PFT Executive Director Robert Mangialardi as Foxy Loxy. Six IWU music and music theatre students join in as accompanist and cast members.

Rhys Lovell directs the show, written for the third year by our own Rotary member Nancy Steele Brokaw. It encourages audience participation through the "Thinking Song" (sung to the tune of "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star") and a recurring refrain of "Doom, doom, doom, doom," set to the famous opening notes of Beethoven's Fifth Symphony.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

May 15 – RYLA Students Dara Williams & Sara Whiteley

Friday, May 17: Pennies for Polio McDonald's at

Main/Beaufort and North Main St. (Raab) in Normal

May 22 – TBA

May 29 – Club Mixer

June 5 – 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

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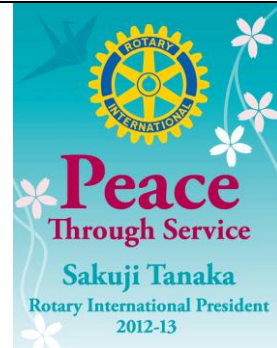
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