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### Wednesday, June 19, 2013

**Head Table:** John E. Bishop & Nancy Brokaw

**Greeters:** Michelle Houchin & Gene Jontry

**Lottery:** Hank Campbell & Jim Carter

**Program:** Jim Collie Vocational Service & Public Health and Safety Awards

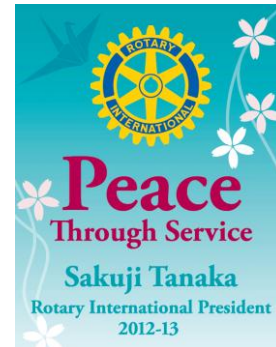
### Wednesday, June 26, 2013

**Head Table:** Bill Caisley & Hank Campbell

**Greeters:** Mark Jontry & Andrew Kouba

**Lottery:** Alan Chapman & Mark Comadena

**Program:** "A Building of Hope" with Roger Hunt, Interim Executive Director and Marci Schneider, Development Director



**Sustaining Members: 24**

**Club RI Contributions: \$23,776.70**

**Reporter:** Jim Carter

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Tw was a hot and humid day as summer arrived. Greeters were Lindsey Henry and Jeremy High – two faces we need to see more frequently. Bruce Bergethon and John A. Bishop were at the front table, being faces we are pleased to see frequently.



Art Runyon was called to give an invocation because there was a gap in the schedule. We pledged and sang and greeted and got underway. We had no visiting Rotarians today but Jan Drake was with us to watch her husband finish his Presidential term in fine form. He did not disappoint.





Mark Comadena brought his uncle Charles Yaczkanich from Pennsylvania. They had been on the big fishing trip with Bill Semlak to the North Country. Thankfully, they cleaned up before joining us. They talked in generalities about fishing so they would not violate the Four Way Test.



## Announcements:

President Art commented on the nice Rural/Urban Night event at the Ropp Farm last week. If you think that was fun wait until you see the Fellowship Happy Hour at the Loft on Thursday, June 20 from 5 – 7. Linda Healy announced that this is designed to bring members from all of the five B/N Clubs together for fun.

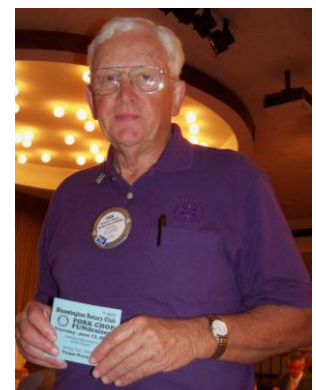


Marcia Dennis announced that she is coordinating the sale of Cardinal baseball tickets. The first game this year is June 19 at 7:10PM. Then on Sunday, August 11 there will be a game against the Cubs in the afternoon. The reason we promote these games is that Rotary works with the Cardinal charity group to fill the stadium on these dates. In return we get a healthy contribution to our Literacy efforts. And, on those days the Rotary Clubs will be recognized. If we sell enough tickets they may let Marcia throw out the first ball. Anyone can buy these tickets and we benefit, so tells friends and family.



Drake Zimmerman made a big pitch for supporting the RI Annual Fund in what is left of June. At this time the Pontiac Club is well ahead of us in terms of amount of donations per member. How could we fall behind Pontiac? Think about giving to The Rotary Foundation, every year. Donate before June 30 for this fiscal year and after July 1 for next fiscal year.

Dick Wagner had tickets for sale for the Bloomington Rotary Club's Pork Chop FUNdraiser on the square in downtown Bloomington.





Rod Weigelmann was our **Mystery Host**. He attends so infrequently he said that he did not know what to do with the \$2. He thought about keeping it to prove he did attend but decided John A. Bishop deserved it for his work on the recent District Conference.

Today we were able to get everyone together to induct Ryan Fleming. Stephanie McClellan was host of her fellow Commerce Bank colleague and introduced him to us. Ryan was a member of Champaign West before moving to the B/N area. Art Runyon did the honors and gave him his new pin. Welcome Ryan!



Ryan understands the culture and brought a bottle of wine for the birthday auction. He was the only June birthday person in attendance today and so we modified our singing to recognize him.



Bruce Bergethon was our Judge today and John Morris won the lottery. Bruce recognized that the judiciary has been lenient this year and has not produced as many fines as needed for our budget. So, he went after happy fines and delinquent Rotary Pin wearers.

Art Drake then reflected on his term as President. He is justifiably happy with all we were able to accomplish but of course we did not get everything done. We gave him a standing ovation for a great job. Linda Healy, Ralph Dude and Meghan Listek are going off the Board and were thanked for their many years of service on the Board in their respective roles.

Art then called PDG Ray Ropp forward to install the new Board for 2013-2014. Then in a separate act Dale Strassheim was installed as our new President. Art gave Dale a President's pin and the framed Charter from June 1949. Again, more well deserved standing ovations.

**2013-2014 Officers and Directors:** President: Dale Strassheim; President Elect: Mark Comadena; Vice President: Andy Copenhaver; Secretary: Jeremy High; Treasurer: Rod Weigelmann; Sergeant-at-arms: Hank Campbell; Directors: Stephanie McClellan; Marci Schneider; and Matt Rielhe. Ann Haugo has one year left in her two-year term as Director.



Dale then shared a few words about what he hopes to do in the next year. He noted that he is still working so he will not have the freedom to attend as many events as if he were retired. He said he did not feel the need for a survey of interests because the one from last year seems to still have validity. He feels that we will not see big changes but we will continue to focus on social events where we get together for the benefit of all.

**Thought for the Day:** Dale likes quotes of note and paraphrased one of Will Rogers': *"It is good to be on the right track, but if you don't move you will get run over."*

**Photos from the June 8, 2013 Daybreak Chartering Event**

taken by Dale Strassheim  
Normal Rotary gifted Daybreak with a bell



**UPCOMING PROGRAMS:**

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

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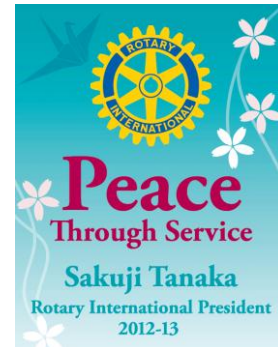
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