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**Wednesday, July 10, 2013**

**Head Table:** Jason Chambers & Alan Chapman

**Greeters:** Meghan Listek & Stephanie McClellan

**Lottery:** Ryan Fleming & Connie Gentry

**Program:** Mini-Grant Awardees: Angela Doyle, Foster Care Liaison from Baby Fold & Bill Kinzie, FSW Supervisor from Center for Youth and Family Services

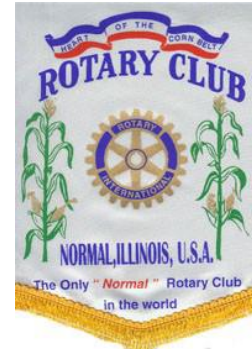
**Wednesday, July 17, 2013 – Meet in Faculty Staff Commons**

**Head Table:** Mark Comadena & Andy Copenhagen

**Greeters:** Elleke Mesdag & John Morris

**Lottery:** Rob Glover & Becky Goeckner

**Program:** Chronic Disease Management: Kathryn Johnson, Assistant Director from PATH



**Sustaining Members:  
 Club RI Contributions:**

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**Photographer:** Jeremy High

**Editor:** Becky Goeckner

Today was a somber day at Rotary as we started the meeting with a moment of silence for the passing of Lyle Raper's wife Maxene and Gordon Ropp's son, David. The services for Gordon's son are this Saturday.



Bill Semlak

Due to the Saturday funeral, Bill Semlak informed us that adopt a highway will be postponed and rescheduled to take place on July 13. Walking the one mile strip near Danvers is a good way to get some exercise, time outdoors, and help out the community. Bill will have the sign-up sheet at next week's meeting if you are interested in participating. Bill also provided the invocation today talking about our forefathers in honor of the Fourth of July.

We had no visiting Rotarians today but we had one guest, Eric Strassheim, son of Dale Strassheim.



Eric & Dale Strassheim



Marcia Dennis reminded us that Sunday, August 11 is Rotary day at Busch Stadium in St. Louis. The Cardinals play the Cubs and the game starts at 1:10. Rotarians and non-Rotarians are welcome. Tickets are \$45 and can be purchased by mailing in the form with a check and tickets will be mailed back to you. Any questions? Please email Marcia at [mlдени@ilstu.edu](mailto:mlдени@ilstu.edu). The money raised goes to our literacy program and last year the District raised over \$11,000.

Marcia, who was finishing her year as District Secretary, presented Past District Governor Gordon Bidner with a “scrapbook” of his year as District Governor. She said it was full of the year’s District Newsletters and other memorabilia from his year. She said she would have printed out all of his emails but didn’t have enough paper.



Gordon Bidner & Marcia Dennis



Jack Wilz

Heather Dennis sold lottery tickets and Jack Wills and John A. Bishop, two very patriotic young men, split the winnings.

Being the start of a long holiday weekend we were short on Greeters and head table Rotarians, but Andy Copenhaver filled in at the head table and passed around the committee sign-up sheet for club members to review and select committees on which they wish to serve.



Andy Copenhaver

Todd Anderson will be going to Nome, Alaska and asked President Strassheim for a Normal Rotary banner to share with their club. Dale informed us that we are almost out of banners and need to order more. Does anyone know how to get more banners?

New Secretary Jeremy High spoke up to say that he has a supply of banners in reserve and that he will always have a few available at each meeting. So see Jeremy before you travel so that when you visit a Rotary club anywhere in the world you will have a banner to exchange!



Jeremy High

The new Bloomington/Normal Daybreak club was recently chartered and a celebration was held on June 8<sup>th</sup>. The Daybreak Club sent us a thank you card for helping them start their club and for their club bell. If you need to make up a meeting or would like to pay them a visit their meetings are on Thursdays at The Doubletree at 6:15am.

The Circus Room is still under construction and today we were in The **Old Main** room. Next week we will be in Old Main again. The week after that (July 17<sup>th</sup>) we will be in the **Faculty Staff Commons**. On July 24<sup>th</sup> we **WON'T** be in the Atrium, instead we will be on the **STAGE of Braden Auditorium**. Bring your cameras that should be a site to see. After that we are scheduled to be back in Old Main until the Circus Room is done. Keep reading the Spoke for changes.





Today's mystery host was Connie Gentry and she gave the \$2 bill to Becky Goeckner for all of her hard work.

Connie Gentry & Becky Goeckner



Dale Strassheim & Judge Marcia Dennis

Marcia Dennis was the judge and fined everyone who wasn't wearing red, white or blue. She noted that Mark Jontry had already been fined for his photo in the Pantagraph. However, she then asked Mark to pay a fine in order to give a "commercial" about the Hall of Stars and why he was chosen. He invited us to the fundraiser, which is July 11 at 7pm. See Mark for tickets and more information.



Mark Jontry

Happy fines came from Linda Healy \$22 for her 22-year old son's one year of being cancer free; matched but not raised by Larry Dietz for surviving a trip to Disney World with 3 grandchildren and other words of happiness; Cynthia Kukla for a canoeing experience for Cynthia and a guest from Thailand provided by Bill Semlak; Todd Anderson for a trip to Alaska; Gordon Bidner for a fantastic year as District Governor; and Marci Schneider for the groundbreaking ceremony for the addition to the Community Cancer Center.



Larry Dietz



Gordon Bidner



We had seven birthdays in July, but only one birthday item to auction off. Gordon Ropp sold the item to Elleke Mesdag for \$25. Thank you Elleke!



# WELCOME

Art Runyon and Alan Chapman installed Heather Beal as a new member. We are very excited to welcome her to our club.



Alan Chapman & Heather Beal



Lindsey Henry

Finally, we heard from new members, Lindsey Henry and Andrew Kouba, who told us a little bit about themselves.



Andrew Kouba

Don't forget, next week we will be in The Old Main Room, which is on the first floor of Bone Student Center, then on July 17<sup>th</sup> we will be in the Faculty Staff Commons which is also on the first floor (behind Einstein Bagels), and on July 24<sup>th</sup>, we will be on the stage in Braden Auditorium.

**Thought for the Day:** *"When the Government fears the people, there is liberty. When the people fear the Government, there is tyranny."* – Thomas Jefferson

## Have a happy and safe Fourth of July weekend!

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

**July 10** - Mini-Grant Awardees: Angela Doyle, Foster Care Liaison from Baby Fold & Bill Kinzie, FSW Supervisor from Center for Youth and Family Services

**July 17** – Chronic Disease Management: Kathryn Johnson, Assistant Director from PATH **Meet in Faculty Staff Commons**

**July 24** - Mini-Grant Awardees: Judy Brucker, Executive Director of the Child Protection Network~Children's Advocacy Center & CASA; Sarah Franzen, Development Director of Habitat for Humanity of McLean County **Meet on Stage in Braden Auditorium**

**July 31** – Club Mixer

**August 7** - Club Business & Birthday Auction

**August 14** - Mini-Grant Awardee: Angela Hall, Director of Research, Grants and Communications for Girl Scouts

**August 21** – A Building of Hope: Marci Schneider, Director of Development and Roger Hunt, Interim Executive Director of the Community Cancer Center

**August 28** - TBA

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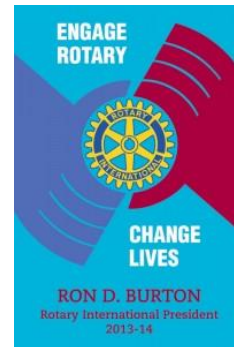
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