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Wednesday, August 28, 2013

Head Table: Mark Jontry & Becky Goeckner

Greeters: Carson Varner & Dick Wagner

Lottery: Stephanie McClellan & Elleke Mesdag

Program: Rob Cranston & returning Rotary Youth Exchange Students:
 Nina Sultan – Japan; Erin Sheridan – Austria; & Tyler Henson – Argentina

September Birthdays – Please bring a gift for the Birthday Auction

Gene Jontry	3
Ron Pacha	16
Bill Semlak	17
Bob Ward	21
Jim Carter	22
Dale Strassheim	27



Club RI Contributions: \$143

Wednesday, September 4, 2013

Head Table: Jeff Lindsay and Meghan Listek

Greeters: Bob Ward and Rob Weigelmann

Lottery: Frank Matsler and Stephanie McClellan

Program: Club Business and Birthday Auction

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On Aug. 21, the Normal Rotary Club returned to its customary haunts in the renovated Circus Room.

Guests: Joe Prosser, guest of Marci Schneider; Satish Puri, guest of Surinder Sethi; Harper Listek, guest of Meghan Listek; Kathy Finley, guest of Stephanie McClellan.



Surinder Sethi and Satish Puri



Joe Prosser and Marci Schneider

Visiting Rotarians: None.

Announcements:

--President Dale Strassheim announced that he and Mark Comadena had completed their third and final session of Rotary Leadership Institute. Jeremy High and Andy Copenhaver also attended the sessions in Decatur. Dale encourages Rotarians to think about attending future RLI sessions to learn more about being an active, participating Rotarian.

--Ron Timmerman reminded us of the Normal Rotary Flapjack Flip, which was held last Saturday at Applebee's. The event was a big success, and we'll let Ron spell out the details this week.



The Friends Forever contingent worked hard serving pancakes at Applebee's, but they also took time to sample some awesome breakfast cuisine.



Rotarian Don Rutledge and wife Nan enjoyed the coffee at the Flapjack Flip.

--Dale reminded us that Rotarians from throughout Bloomington-Normal will once more carry flags in the Labor Day parade. Meet behind the old Elks Club at about 9:15 a.m. Labor Day for the 10 a.m. parade.

--Jack Wilz asked us to keep Rotary One on One in mind. That event to be held Nov. 11 involves every attending Rotarian hosting a non-Rotarian veteran as a guest. The Rotarian would pay his/her own \$20 cost plus the \$20 cost for the veteran guest. This will be a great event to honor our veterans.

--Andy Copenhaver will chair the golf outing this year. It's set for Sept. 18 at Hazy Hills. If you don't golf, please come to dinner. The regular noon meeting will be canceled that day.

--Stephanie McClellan circulated a sign-up list for the invocation/reflection. Stephanie said she is also seeking a chair of the mini-grant committee.

--Hank Campbell said that the Adopt A Highway clean-up was accomplished on Aug. 18 with the help of the Friends Forever contingent.



Hank Campbell supervised the Normal Rotary's effort on Yuton Road.



The ubiquitous Friends Forever contingent was on hand to help keep McLean County highways tidy.



Drake Zimmerman went barefoot for a while. We're not sure what's up with that. A new pedicure or something? You'll have to ask him.

--Becky Goeckner reported that the Friends Forever visitors prepared a meal at Safe Harbor on Aug. 18. They had a great time while doing some good in the world.

Mystery Host Andrew Kouba presented the coveted \$2 to Todd Anderson, who was the first person Andrew talked to when he walked into a Normal Rotary meeting.

Rotarian Radha Radhakrishnan received a standing ovation from the club to honor his support of The Rotary Foundation. He received the Paul Harris plus 4 stones.

Rotary Youth Exchange student Gabriel Castro from Santiago, Brazil, reintroduced himself. His parents are in Rotary, and he was first president of his Interact club.



After all these years, Judge Marcia Dennis finally noticed that we don't sing very well, and she fined everyone 50 cents for our treatment of "America." She also extracted happy fines from Drake Zimmerman, Jim Carter, Carson Varner, Heather Dennis, Ray Ropp, Bruce Bergethon and Becky Goeckner.

Our speaker was Roger Hunt, whose extensive career in the health care industry includes service as president and CEO of Advocate BroMenn Medical Center and Advocate Eureka Hospital. He recently completed a stint as interim executive director of the Community Cancer Center.

The cancer center is unique in that it is a collaboration of Advocate BroMenn and OSF St. Joseph Medical Center. It is rare for separate hospitals to embark on this kind of cooperative effort, he said. The center treats 220 patients a day from 11 counties. It is building a \$9.7 million expansion, which will provide patients with more privacy and staff with the use of a conference center and an expanded library.



President Dale Strassheim listened to the presentation by his longtime friend, Roger Hunt.

The center has been recognized for its scope of service and its multi-disciplinary approach. The presence of the cancer center in B-N means that patients can get the treatment they need without traveling long distances. And because of the emphasis the cancer has placed on prevention and education, Roger said the community is making inroads in cancer prevention.

Thought for the day, from Phyllis Diller: *"You know you're old when your walker has an airbag."*

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

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September 4 – Club Business & Birthday Auction

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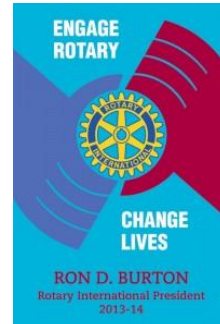
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