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Wednesday, April 19, 2017

Greeters: Angie Fulton & Becky Goeckner

Lottery: Rod Weigelmann & Roger Weller

Wednesday, April 26, 2017

Greeters: Gene Gudeman & Sherry Hawkins

Lottery: Matt Wyss & Drake Zimmerman



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President Jim Rosenlund opened the April 12th meeting. The Invocation was given by Bill Semlak, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the first verse of "America" lead by ISU President Dr. Larry Dietz.

Visitors:

- Alan Chapman introduced Steve Ward & Jane Hann – Bob Ward's children.
- Dr. Larry Dietz introduced Preston Van Maeghen a physics student at ISU.
- Larissa McIlvain introduced Ann Ensenberger a prospective member who just mailed in her application!



Jim Rosenlund



Jane Hann, Alan Chapman &
Steve Ward



Dr. Larry Dietz &
Preston Van Maeghen



Larissa McIlvain &
Ann Ensenberger

April Students of the Month spoke about their extracurricular activities.

- Sidney Whitney – has been involved with Student Council for 4 years. Currently she serves as the student body secretary. She is involved with Big Brothers/Big Sisters and has a "Little" she spends time with. She also works with Youth Build and spent time last year in Haiti building a house.
- Joshua Jacobs – is a FFCA leader and a small group leader at church
- Jessica Becker – as a senior is a Captain on the track team. She is also involved with the National Honors Society and serves as President of the Business Club
- Natalie Alfeo – is a member of the National Technology Honors Society. She also is the clarinet section leader in band.



Larissa McIlvain & Sidney Whitney



Joshua Jacobs



Jessica Becker



Natalie Alfeo

Announcements:

- Oktoberfest will be a great annual fundraiser for our club.–Please sign up for committees if you have not done so
- Normal Rotary Club Scholarship interviews will be on Thursday, April 20th. Contact Andy Copenhaver to sign-up. May 10th will be the Scholarship Awards Banquet at the Rotary meeting
- Jane Hann- Found a stack of two dollar bills in her father’s belongings, she knew the meant a lot to him and were given to him at our club meetings. She presented them to Marcia Dennis to give back to our club.
- Jack Wilz & Jim Collie Awards – Mark Jontry issued the last call for nominations.
- Coat Program – Connie Gentry said she bought a lot of coats on sale at JC Penny; she has over 1000 coats purchased already!



Andy Copenhaver



Jane Hann & Marcia Dennis



Mark Jontry



Connie Gentry



Don Rutledge

The **Lottery** winner was Don Rutledge who won \$20. The big pot had \$275 however Don did not draw the ace of spades, so the pot rolls over.

Judge David Taylor fined Jim Rosenlund \$4 – for missing some important Rotary related facts during “this day in history” earlier in the meeting.



Jim Rosenlund & David Taylor

Happy Fines:

- Alan Chapman – paid \$20 for missing some meetings and he traveled, including going to the Masters with his son. He also pledged \$100 to the Rotary Foundation in memory of Bob Ward.
- Vandana Naik – Has been traveling in India and Africa and got to see some rotary projects at work – but happy to be back
- Bill Semlak – has been following African Rotary club on Facebook and they have been working really hard on projects

- Mike Petrini – was happy they hired a sales employee at the Cornbelters and he announced that they are also looking for host families for their players.



Alan Chapman



Vandana Naik



Bill Semlak



Mike Petrini

More Happy Fines:

- Dale Strassheim –announced that he also would like to pledge \$100 to the Rotary Foundation in honor of Bob Ward.
- William Rolley –announced that former member, Cynthia Kukla fell and hurt her knee while hiking – he asked for the club members prayers since she has to have surgery.
- Drake Zimmerman– was happy to have Vandana Naik back and she has a global grant application with her!
- Bruce Bergethon– has been thinking about recruiting new members, but doesn't think he can beat his last recruit – Dr. Larry Dietz – who is not only a great leader of the University, but a great singer as well.
- Hank Campbell– gave us a Promise Council update –they provided backpacks of food for children. They also had a family step up to pay for a field trip for the kids.



Dale Strassheim



Bill Rolley



Drake
Zimmerman



Bruce Bergethon



Hank Campbell



Don Holland



Program: Don Holland was our guest speaker. He spoke about ISU's solar car history. Don last visited our club in 2004 – before they had even built their first car. In 2004, they purchased their first

used car to work on. Since then, they have had many different versions of their car. Racing rules keep changing, so they have to continue to change their car to fit the rules. They have raced in a number of races: cross country and track races. Dan shared their car and race history and how they placed.

Mercury V

- While charging the batteries at night, it caught fire.
- They had 3 months to build a new car to race in a race in Abu Dhabi.
- They took their older car, Mercury IV, shipped it and sent 11 students to race in Abu Dhabi

Mercury 5S

- This is a rebuild of the burned one
- They used 3D Printers to make some of the parts
- Students do all the work.

2016 Races

- Formula Sun Grand Prix (FSGP) Track Race – 5th place, but had the 2nd fastest lap time
- American Solar Car Challenge (ASC) Cross Country Race – 11th place, had many cloudy days

The solar car program is funded by sponsors and ISU Sustainability. When racing they often compete against cars that are backed by millions of dollars. By comparison ISU operates on a “shoe string budget”. The program is open to all students, not just those of a specific major. The Illinois State University Solar Car Team aims to offer a unique learning experience for students interested in science, engineering, and technology as well as to provide an educational program to demonstrate the benefits of alternative energy to Illinois State University and neighboring communities.

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