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Wednesday, April 12, 2017

Greeters: Ryan Fleming & Angie Fulton

Lottery: Dick Wagner & Heather Wagner

Wednesday, April 19, 2017

Greeters: Connie Gentry & Becky Goeckner

Lottery: Rod Weigelmann & Roger Weller



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President Jim Rosenlund opened the meeting asking us to say hello to those around us. Becky Goeckner gave the invocation which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the first verse of "America" lead by Stephanie McClellan and Ryan Fleming.

Jim then told us how impressed he was when a young man sought him out to ask for our club's help with an upcoming Speech & Debate Competition. Paul Knipmeyer asked if Normal Rotarians would be willing to serve as volunteer community judges at the competition. It is Thursday, May 4th- Saturday, May 6th at East White Oak Church, 11922 E. 2000 North Rd., Carlock, IL 61725 (*just 5 minutes north of Normal*). Link for Judges Registration:

<http://www.ncfcaregistration.com/NCFCAJudgeSelection.aspx?Region=6>

Some information for signing up once you get the NCFCA site.

1. You will click on Region VI Championship - May 3 to May 6 - Carlock, IL
2. In Referral Notes Section please put my name, Paul Knipmeyer
3. In the Comments Section please put "From Normal Rotary Club"



Becky Goeckner

Visitors:

- Ray Ropp introduced his guest, Sid Parker. Ray shared that 3 of Sid's children have been 4-H Royalty
- **April Students of the Month** – John Bishop introduced all four of the April Students of the Month, they shared their plans for college.
 - Joshua Jacobs – From NCHS, Plans to attend Lincoln Christian University in Lincoln. He plans to go into youth ministry
 - Natalie Alfeo – From BACC studying medical terminology and hopes to go into musical therapy.
 - Sidney Whitney – From U-High, plans to attend Belmont University in Nashville studying entrepreneurship
 - Jessie Becker – From NCWHS, plans to attend DePaul and study marketing. She will also be trying out for their dance team.



Sid Parker & Ray Ropp



Sidney Whitney, Jessie Becker, Joshua Jacobs ,
& Natalie Alfeo.

Announcements:

- NRC board meeting after this meeting



Sherry Hawkins

- Oktoberfest – Sherry Hawkins announced the event is scheduled for September 23rd. Sherry passed around a sign-up sheet asking for people to join the planning committee and the sponsorship committee.



- Ice Cream Social – Matt Riehle announced that the next ice cream social will be held on Tuesday, May 16th from 5-7 PM.



Matt Riehle



Mark Jontry



- Jack Wilz & Jim Collie Service Awards – Mark Jontry said even though the 1st deadline is today, he will take nominations through next Wednesday.

- Hank Campbell – Visited the Longmont, CO Rotary Club and presented their banner.



Hank Campbell

New Member Inductions:

Gordon Bidner welcomed both Paul Enchelmayer and Greg Anvick as new members to be inducted. Both Paul and Greg shared that they are new to the community and are looking to get more involved. Gordon presented them both with information and their Rotary pins.



Greg Anvick, Paul Enchelmayer & Gordon Bidner



Larissa McIlvain & Hank Campbell

Judge Linda Healy asked for today's **Mystery Host** who was Hank Campbell. Hank gave the \$2 to Larissa McIlvain who he ran into at Heartland Community College and wanted to acknowledge her for her work.

The **Lottery** winner was Gordy Ropp who won \$16. He did not draw the ace of spades, so the pot rolls over.



Gordon Ropp



Bruce Bergethon, Jim Rosenlund & Becky Goeckner



Judge Linda also introduced a new game – Rotary Trivia. Each table competed against the others to accurately match a given fun fact to a specific Rotarian. We learned:

- Jim Rosenlund likes to fish for bass.
- Becky Goeckner, along with her spouse and some friends, built their own home – twice.
- Bruce Bergethon's favorite food to cook is meatloaf.

Judge Linda Healy then assessed a happy fine on Ray Ropp, who won his election for Normal Township Trustee and to Hank Campbell for his wife Mary's winning a seat on the Heartland Community College Board. We learned later that Greg Anvick's daughter was elected to the District 87 School Board. Congratulations to the winners!

Happy Fines:

- Jim Carter gave \$25 for his 25 years in our club. He is moving at the end of the month and is not sure when he will be back.
- Bill Semlak – vacationed this winter in Texas and attended regularly a Rotary Club in Pharr, TX. He is also happy to be home!
- Greg Anvick – his daughter won her election to District 87 Board.
- Mark Jontry – Visited the Augusta National Golf Course and got to see a practice round of The Masters.
- Larissa McIlvain – Got to present a 2-year full-ride scholarship in person to a Heartland Community College student. The student had just been admitted to the HCC Nursing Program. She said it was a very emotional scene getting to see the recipient's reaction face-to-face.
- Jim Rosenlund and family visited a museum in St. Louis. His son loved the cave exhibit they had. Jim was happy he didn't get stuck in one.



Ray Ropp



Jim Carter & Gordon Ropp



Bill Semlak



Lots of April Birthdays were recognized!

Birthday Auction – Gordon Ropp had 9 items to auction off with the help of ring men Ray Ropp & Gene Gudeman. Items that were auctioned and who bought them are listed below.

- Rotary Sign - \$30 Surinder Sethi
- Rotary 4-Way Test Plate - \$15 Steve Dobski
- Cooler with Venison Snack Sticks - \$15 Surinder Sethi
- Set of Screw Drivers - \$15 Jim Rosenlund
- 4 Flavors of Ropp Farms Cheese - \$20 Bill Semlak
- Rotary Mug - \$10 Marcia Dennis
- Bottle of Red Wine - \$15 Michael Steele
- Olive Bin Gift Basket - \$35 Hank Campbell
- Rotary Basic Library & Rotary Tie - \$15 Bill Semlak



Rotary Sign



Rotary Plate & Ray Ropp



Michael Steele



Jim Rosenlund

Happy Faces



Ticket sellers
Ed Tanton & Connie Gentry



Gene Jontry



Drake Zimmerman

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