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Wednesday, March 15, 2017

Greeters: John E. Bishop & Nancy Brokaw

Lottery: Surinder Sethi & Ron Springer

Wednesday, March 22, 2017

Greeters: Bill Caisley & Hank Campbell

Lottery: Dale Strassheim & Ed Tanton



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Hank Campbell

President Elect Hank Campbell filled in for President Jim Rosenlund today. Hank rang the bell about 12:10 to start the meeting. We took a few minutes to say hello to everyone. Bill Rolley gave the invocation and following that we all said the Pledge of Allegiance and sang the first verse of America.



Bill Rolley



Vivian Rocholl & Iris Varner

Hank welcomed everyone and then asked for any special guests to be introduced. Iris reintroduced her great niece from Germany, Vivian Rocholl. Vivian will be going back home this weekend. We enjoyed meeting and having you as a guest Vivian. Paul Enchelmayer was also a guest; for just another week as he will become the newest member of the Normal Rotary Club very soon.



Paul Enchelmayer

Students of the Month: Today the students spoke about their future plans.

- Jim Carter introduced Dakota Cremeens from Normal Community. Today is his first day, as he was unable to make last week's meeting. Dakota plans on going to North Central University in Naperville to try to play football and also study computer science.
- Gordon Bidner introduced Alexander Barth from the Bloomington Area Career Center. Alexander hopes to work as a mechanic and eventually own his own shop and maybe even start a franchise.
- Finally, candidate Paul Enchelmayer introduced Sam Fansler from U-High. Sam plans to attend Butler in Indianapolis and double major in both math and music and hopes to become an actuary.



Dakota Cremeens & Jim Carter



Gordon Bidner & Alexander Barth



Paul Enchelmayer & Sam Fansler

In honor of Dr. Seuss's upcoming birthday, Hank Campbell read the following quotes:
"Sometimes you will never know the value of something until it becomes a memory."
and
"Step with care and great tact, and remember that life's a great balancing act."

Announcements:

- Hank reminded the club that a 5 club event to watch indoor football with the Bloomington Edge, at US Cellular Coliseum on Saturday, March 18. Add it to your schedule for some fun and fellowship and get to know some other Rotarians.
- That weekend (NEXT weekend), the SAME weekend of the football game, Hank will be in Effingham for the Rotary (PETS) training. Make us proud Hank!



Andy Copenhaver

- Andy Copenhaver announced that the Scholarship Committee will be getting busy for the early May Scholarship Luncheon. The scholarship luncheon will be on either May 3 or May 10. Mark your calendars and make sure you can attend. This is one of our best events of the year!
- Marcia Dennis announced that this is National Literacy Month and if we did NOT bring a children's book, we owed the change in our pockets. Also order forms for the Cubs vs. Cardinals baseball game were on the tables.



Bruce Bergethon

- Finally Hank notified the club that a 2014 Friends Forever participant is now an intern with the program and will be back THIS weekend to visit Bloomington Normal.
- If you have any old photos or web content for Larissa McIlvain, please forward them to her. She is updating our website and any help would be much appreciated.



David Taylor

Hank then welcomed David Taylor as today's **Judge**. David then promptly thanked Hank for how he was handling his first meeting, filling in for Andy. When the club reminded Hank who the current president is, he said that Jim's presidency and year has not been that memorable.

David then asked if we had a **Mystery Host**. We did – Surinder Sethi who chose our German guest Vivian Rocholl.



Surinder Sethi & Vivian Rocholl

Following that David asked for voluntary fines from those who weren't wearing their Rotary pin. He then went on to say he was happy his daughter Addison signed up for Washington Elementary's EarlyAct Club. This is an early Rotary service club for elementary school students. And David believes Addy might be the newest and youngest Rotarian.

Judge David then asked for **Happy Fines**:

- Linda Healy was happy that the WGLT trivia night fundraiser was a success and #2, she's happy that her husband is going in for surgery - a hip replacement.
- Rob Cranston was happy his son, daughter-in-law, and his 5-month old granddaughter are visiting from Finland.

That was the end of the happiness apparently.



Rob Cranston



Vanessa Soto

Program: Today's speaker was Vanessa Soto of the Peace Corps. She's a recruiter for Peace Corps (PC). As a Peace Corps volunteer she worked with Rotary Clubs and other Rotarians. She shared a story of a Rotarian that served in the PC after his wife died. As she was welcoming him to Uganda and giving him the lay of the land, she said he'd already met with the Rotary Club there and knew many of the people already. In the PC, while serving for 2 years in Uganda, she promoted a literacy project, as well as working on water, health, and nutrition initiatives.

The Peace Corps is a two year commitment of total immersion in the culture where they are assigned. Volunteers have to be at least 18 years old and a US citizen. PC and Rotary share common goals. They work to inspire volunteerism across the country and around the world. Both have rich histories of promoting peace and friendship between cultures and undertaking sustainable activities and projects. A few stats about the PC: 1) PC only works in countries when invited by those countries; 2) There are currently 6800 volunteers; 3) 220,000+ Americans have served; and 4) 94% of volunteers have at least an undergrad degree.



For more information go to: pcrecruiter@ilstu.edu and Facebook.com/PeaceCorpsRedbirds

Hank thanked all the guests and student guests for coming and for our **closing thought of the day**, he actually had two:

- 1) he had the club recite the 4 way test and
- 2) he had another Dr. Seuss quote for us: *"It's a troublesome world. All the people who're in it are troubled with troubles almost every minute. You ought to be thankful, a whole heaping lot, for the places and people you're lucky you're not."*

The meeting adjourned right at 1:00

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