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Wednesday, January 22, 2014

Head Table: Nancy Brokaw and Dana Brown-Nielsen

Greeters: Lindsey Henry and Michelle Houchin

Lottery: John Burrill and Bill Caisley

Program: ISU Director of Athletics Larry Lyons

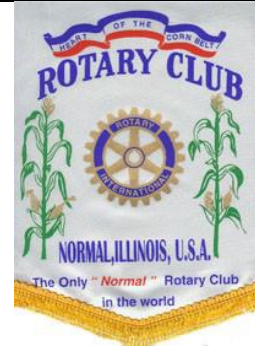
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Greeters: Gene Jontry and Mark Jontry

Lottery: Hank Campbell and Jim Carter

Program: Steve Doran, Friends of the Children of Haiti



Club RI Contributions:
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At the Jan. 15, 2014 meeting of the Normal Rotary Club, Meghan Listek gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the first verse of "America" led by Mark Sherman.

Guests: None.

Students of the Month:

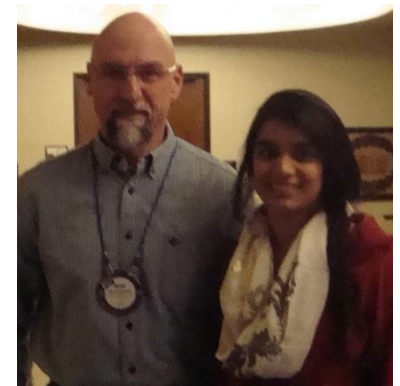
--Monica Patel, a senior at Normal West, is the secretary in her high school Key Club. One of their initiatives includes serving meals at the Home Sweet Home Mission.

--Jaleelah Muhammd, goes to Normal Community High School. She is a member of the Normal Community Pep Club, which they call "Orange Crush", and the P.A.C. – Club, which is the student advisory council to the school board.

--Pierce Hunter goes to University High School (Go



Pierce Hunter and Todd Anderson



Mark Comadena and Monica Patel



Andy Copenhaver and Megan Newman



Jaleelah Muhammd and Art Drake

Pioneers!). Pierce is a member of the soccer team and the "U-Build" club. "U-Build" raised over \$2,000 to send the club to Haiti for their spring break to help build houses. Todd Anderson informed us that Pierce is also an avid bagpipe player.

--Megan Newman goes to Normal West and Bloomington Area Vocational Center. She is interested in cosmetology and plans to study Fashion Apparel and Merchandising at the University of Missouri.

Mystery host: Ron Springer gave the \$2 to Andy Copenhaver for being the father of triplets!



President Dale listens to Mark Comadena announce the slate of officers for 2014-15.

Announcements:

Mark Comadena announced the 2014-15 board nominees. They are:

President – Mark Comadena

President Elect – Andy Copenhaver

Vice-President – Jim Rosenlund

Secretary – Jeremy High

Treasurer – Rod Weigelmann

Sergeant at Arms – Hank Campbell

Director of Club Publicity – Marci Schneider

Director of Club Administration – Stephanie McCellan

Director of Community Service – Matt Riehl

Rotary Foundation, International Projects & New Generations
– Heather Dennis

We will hold the election on January 22.

A reminder to sign up for District 6490 team building for club officers (Pre-Pets) on Tuesday, January 21, to be held at Heartland Community College.

Let President Dale Strassheim know if you are interested in serving on a five-club committee to discuss the future of the 50 flags that Rotarians carry for Memorial Day and Labor Day parades.

The area club presidents met and discussed the following:

- Art Drake is working on a five club Rotary website.
- All the presidents are in support of repeating the Veteran's Day dinner.
- Some of the clubs have agreed to support Friends Forever.
- The other four presidents will be at Normal Rotary on March 19.
- The incoming presidents are invited to the 8 a.m. meeting on March 19 to discuss joint projects.

Linda Healy reminded us that we still need volunteers for the Oakdale Elementary School tutoring program. We need one more volunteer for Tuesday, from 3:30-5 p.m., and two more volunteers for Wednesday from 3:30-5 p.m. If you are interested, please see Linda Healy or Ron Timmerman.

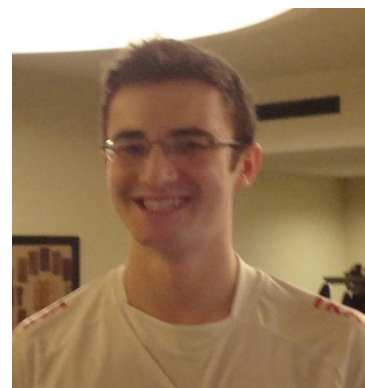
Please keep Ron Pacha in your thoughts and prayers. He broke both legs and is recuperating in a nursing home. We hope to see him back at Rotary in February.

Our next Rotary Leadership Institute class is going to be held on Saturday, February 15, at Richland Community College in Decatur,

Illinois. All three parts will be held. If you would like to sign up for the class and have not participated before, you would sign up for Part One. If you have participated in the past, you would sign up for the next



It's time for Normal Rotary to help the kids at Oakdale, Linda Healy reminds us.



Gabriel conveyed holiday greetings from his sponsoring club in Brazil.

part you are eligible for. Please go to www.hoa-rli.org and you will be able to sign up for Part 1, Part 2 or Part 3. This is a great way to learn more about Rotary and the wonderful opportunities it offers.

Rotary student, Gabriel, brought in a Christmas card from his sponsor club in Brazil. It was signed by the entire club! Thank you Gabriel!

The International Fair will be on March 22nd. Radha is looking for volunteers. If you are interested please contact him.

Rotary Fun:

Judge John E. Bishop picked the winning lottery ticket for Andy Copenhaver. Happy fines included Alan Chapman giving a happy fine for his grandson, Max, who is now home from the hospital.



Spring – and the International Fair – are just around the corner, Radha reminds us.



Judge John Bishop administered his version of justice.



Rotarian Surinder Sethi talked about his upbringing in India and plans for his term as district governor.

Today's Program:

Normal Rotary member Surinder Sethi was our program today. He talked about growing up in British India and India and his international work through Rotary. He also discussed his goals as the District Governor:

- Increasing diversity in our clubs
- Enhance communication between district committees and clubs
- Promote foundation

He also told us how much he loves being a grandpa. Thank you, Surinder for the enlightening and informative program.

Thought for the day:

“There may be peace without joy, and joy without peace, but the two combined make happiness.”

--John Buchan

UPCOMING DATES:

January 21 – District Team Building.

January 22 – Vote on 2014-15 officers

February 15 – Rotary Leadership Institute in Decatur

March 22 – International Fair

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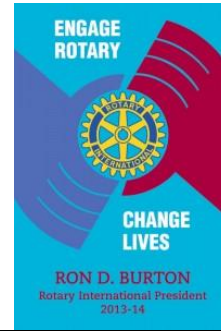
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