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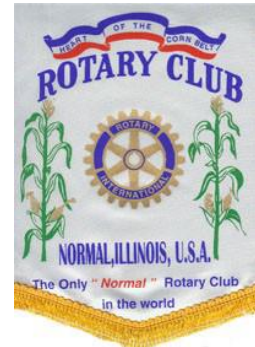


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NOVEMBER Birthdays – Please bring a gift for the Birthday Auction

Penny Cermak	1
George Houska	7
Vandana Naik	9
Mark Sherman	16
Gordon Bidner	28
Rod Weigelmann	29



Wednesday, November 6, 2013

Head Table: Bill Semlak and Surinder Sethi
Greeters: Bill Caisley and Hank Campbell
Lottery: Kevin Smith and Ron Springer
Program: District Governor Larry Pennie

Wednesday, November 13, 2013

Head Table: Mark Sherman & Ed Tanton
Greeters: Jim Carter & Jason Chambers
Lottery: Ron Timmerman & Carson Varner
Program: TBA

**Club RI Contributions:
 \$4,976**

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President Dale Strassheim convened the October 30 meeting of the Normal Rotary Club, and Becky Goeckner offered the reflection.

Announcements:



Jim Carter would welcome all the poinsettia orders as early as he can get them. Don't forget that the plants will be ready for distribution December 6-7 at the Chateau.

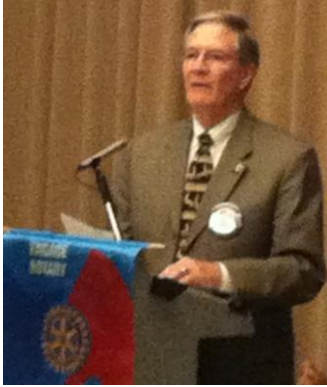


Stephanie McClellan placed Holiday Party Invitations at each table and introduced us to a sign-up sheet for the December 4 Holiday Party at the Ozark House.



Matt Riehle warned us to expect a sign-up sheet next week for the November 14 Ice Cream Social at the McLean County Nursing Home. He'll need about 10 people to help from 5:45 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

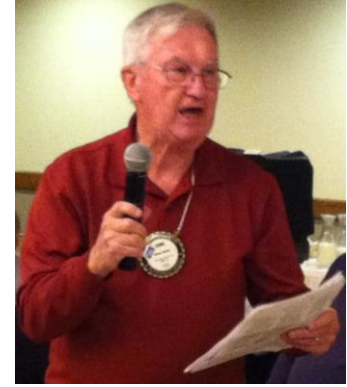
The registration deadline has passed for the November 11 Veterans' Day One-on-One event, please make sure that you have paid for you and your guest. Checks should be made payable to Normal Rotary.



Dale had three announcements. 1.) We can expect to vote on a slate of officers in December. The slate will be announced soon. 2.) Please remember the Rotary International Foundation in our year-end giving plans. and 3.) District Governor Larry Pennie will visit Normal Rotary Nov. 6.



Kathy Alexander said some of our members may be needed to participate in a research project in the coming weeks. The experience shouldn't be too demanding, she said. The project will be conducted in the Bone Student Center near the Information Kiosk.



Gene Jontry is circulating a petition about a proposed constitutional amendment regarding redistricting. He asked that anyone interested in signing to see him.



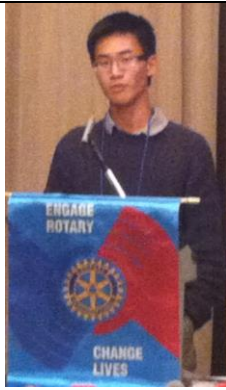
Today's Mystery Host was Radha Radhakrishnan. He presented the \$2 to John A. Bishop, who always shows up to help at the International Fair.

meetings to be a learning experience. He says it's nice to know that there are people out there trying to make a difference.

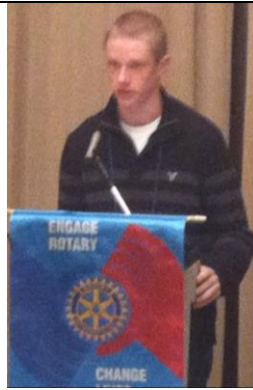
Judge John E. Bishop took to the podium. Becky Goeckner won the drawing for the second time this month; so she deposited the \$20 back in the kukla. Judge John then collected happy fines from various folks, including Art Runyon, who has a new great-grandson - the only descendant of that generation who bears the Runyon name.

The Birthday Auction is next week, but Gordon Ropp auctioned off a pie and a jar of jam and made some big money.

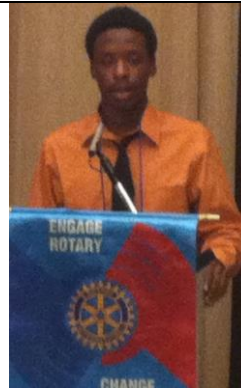
Students of the Month: Alex Su said he appreciated the cordial greetings when he came to club meetings, as well as the members' enthusiasm and willingness to help. Stephen Lorenz said his grandfather is in Rotary in suburban Chicago, and he has been to some of their events. He enjoys seeing the friendship and cohesiveness of our group. Traevon Parnell enjoyed learning about the Rotary ideals and purposes. He hopes to continue Rotary's vision of promoting peace, starting locally. Chris Plank found our



Alex Su



Stephen Lorenz



Traevon Parnell

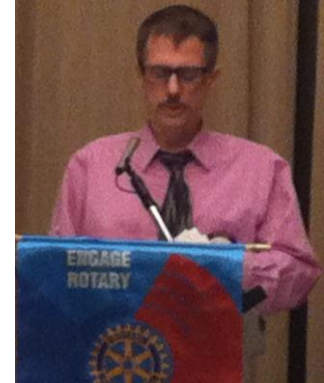


Chris Plank

Speaker:



Dayna Brown introduced today's guest speaker: Bill Kemp, Research Librarian at the McLean County Museum of History. Bill discussed his work and the museum. The museum is a non-profit organization, which depends on contributions and endowments for most of its income. The museum is in the old courthouse on the square in Bloomington. It has a full-time staff of nine. Some 240 volunteers contribute 17,000 hours of work per year.



Bill's job is to preserve and organize printed materials: newspapers, scrapbooks, campaign materials. He has written a Sunday column for the Pantagraph since 2005. The museum is the second oldest historical society in the state, having been founded in 1892.

The museum serves 31,000 people per year, including off-site visits such as presentations at schools and senior centers. Admission to the museum is free on Tuesdays, and the museum never charges admission to a student.

In conclusion; President Dale Strassheim ended the meeting by reminding us of his goals for the year.

1. Excellent and interesting community-based programs that will enhance our members' knowledge of the community and engage our club with the community.
2. Have an active and engaging judge to help make the meeting fun and rewarding.
3. Add and actively engage new members to an already strong club. Goal of 88 vs. 82.
4. Develop one or two Bloomington/Normal 5-club community projects.
5. Have fun each week at our meeting, with member presentations sprinkled in with regular programs. We always learn something interesting about each other that we did not know!

Thought for the Day, from Mother Teresa: *"Kind words can be short and easy to speak but their echoes are endless."*

Mark your calendar:

- Nov. 6 – District Governor Larry Pennie is our speaker
- Nov. 11 – Veterans Day One on One Dinner & Recognition at the ISU Alumni Center
- Nov. 20 – Deadline for poinsettia orders
- Dec. 4 – Holiday Dinner at the Ozark House; NO NOON MEETING!
- Dec. 6-7 – Poinsettias are in!!!
- Dec. 11 – Noon meeting is in Old Main
- Dec. 25 – Christmas Day; NO NOON MEETING!
- Jan. 1 – New Year's Day; NO NOON MEETING!

Other photos of the day:



Members gather for lunch and meeting.



Dale Strassheim with October Students of the Month
Alex Su, Stephen Lorenz, Chris Plank and Traevon Parnell



Linda Healy

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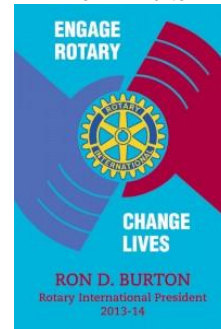
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