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Wednesday, December 4, 2013 – NO NOON MEETING



Annual Normal Rotary Holiday Dinner

Ozark House
 704 McGregor Street
 Bloomington, IL

Cocktail hour begins at 5:30 p.m.,
 followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Please RSVP by Monday, Nov. 25th

December Birthdays – Please bring a gift for the December 11th Birthday Auction

- Dayna Brown-Nielsen 2
- Lindsey Henry 9
- Gene Gudeman 10
- Bill Caisley 19
- Radha Radhkrishnan 25
- Frank Matsler 27



**Club RI Contributions:
 \$6,111**

Wednesday, December 11, 2013 – Meeting in the OLD MAIN room

Head Table: Dick Wagner & Jack Wilz
Greeters: Heather Dennis & Marcia Dennis
Lottery: Kathy Alexander & Todd Anderson
Program: Birthday Auction

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President Strassheim called the November 27 meeting of the Normal Rotary Club to order and Bill Semlak gave the invocation. The members recited the Pledge of Allegiance and offered up a fine rendition of America!

The Club welcomed a few visiting Rotarians to today's meeting. Bob Singh from Normal Sunset Rotary was in attendance, as were Interact students Morgan and Tristan Bishop, NCHS students who happen to be the children of our own John E. Bishop!



Bob Singh



John E., Tristan & Morgan Bishop

Nancy Gibson was a guest of Gordon Ropp, while Kennedy and Peyton McClellan were guests of their mother, Stephanie. Andy Copenhagen introduced us to his stepchildren triplets Keighan, Chloe & Corbin.



Nancy Gibson & Gordon Ropp



Stephanie, Kennedy & Peyton McClellan



Andy Copenhagen with Chloe, Keigan & Corbin



Wow! A table of 5 future Rotarians!



Grant Yi & Erin Sondegroth

November Students of the Month: **Lura Parent**, from Normal West; **Erin Sondegroth**, from U-High; and **Grant Yi**, from NCHS shared their insights on what they learned from Rotary.



Lura Parent

Announcements:

Jim Carter reminded everyone to get their Poinsettia orders in before they left the meeting..... He was pleased to report that over 2200 plants had been sold to date.

Don Rutledge circulated the sign-up sheet to assist with unloading the truck this Friday at the Chateau as well as help make deliveries and assist with pick-ups.....help is especially needed on Saturday afternoon!!



Jim Carter



dreamstime.com



Don Rutledge



Linda Healy reminded us that the Coats for Kids initiative is underway and she would be happy to take a \$500 donation from anonymous Rotary members! ☺ Be sure to get donations of any monetary amount to Connie Gentry. As for actual coat collection, contact Meghan Listek at the Normal Public Library if you would like a decorated (present) donation box. She has a few left that can be picked up and placed at your business/workplace.



Be sure to keep up with your Rotary International Foundation donations to maintain our Star Club status.



John E. Bishop



Judge John E. Bishop levied fines for open seats in front tables and opened the floor for numerous related donations. Gene Gudeman won the 50/50 drawing and Marcia Dennis was the Mystery Host who recognized Meghan Listek for her beautiful daughter!



Marcia Dennis

UPCOMING DATES:

DECEMBER 4: ANNUAL HOLIDAY DINNER @ OZARK HOUSE. NO NOON MEETING ON THE 4th DUE TO DINNER THAT EVENING.

DECEMBER 11: Regular meeting will be held in OLD MAIN ROOM; December Birthday Auction will be held, so December birthday members are asked to bring an auction item this day. The ELECTION of OFFICERS and BOARD MEMBERS for the next term will be conducted at this meeting. The slate will be announced at upcoming meetings and will appear in the Spoke.

DECEMBER 18: Last regular meeting until January 8, 2014

Program:



Samuel Fuller (AKA Art Runyon) graced us with his presence again this year for our Thanksgiving meeting.



The Speedwell (pictured at left) wasn't in shape to make the journey, and the Pilgrims returned to Plymouth, England. They crowded all 102 people onboard the Mayflower and set sail again, on September 16. This time, they kept going.

<http://stufffromthelab.wordpress.com/2007/11/12/why-did-the-pilgrims-come-to-the-new-world/>

His message was once again welcomed by all in attendance. Because of the fortitude and determination of the Pilgrims we have a lot to be thankful for as we celebrate Thanksgiving each year.

Thought for the Day - Two today, one for a laugh, and one to reflect on.

"Families are like fudge – mostly sweet with a few nuts." - author unknown

And...

"Having a place to go – is a home. Having someone to love – is a family. Having both – is a blessing." - from Donna Hedges



President Dale Strassheim calls our meeting to order.

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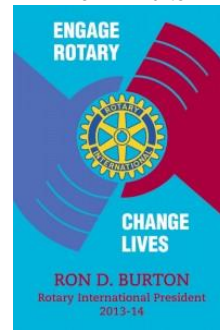
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