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**Wednesday, December 25 – NO MEETING**

**Wednesday, January 1 – NO MEETING**

**January Birthdays, Please bring a gift for the Birthday Auction**

Gene Howell	1
Ed Tanton	6
Art Drake	24
Don Rutledge	26



**Wednesday, January 8, 2014**

**Head Table:** Bruce Bergethon & Gordon Bidner

**Greeters:** Ryan Fleming & Connie Gentry

**Lottery:** John A. Bishop & John E. Bishop

**Program:** Club Business & Birthday Auction

**Wednesday, January 15, 2014**

**Head Table:** John A. Bishop & John E. Bishop

**Greeters:** Becky Goeckner & Linda Healy

**Lottery:** Nancy Brokaw & Dayna Brown

**Program:** TBA



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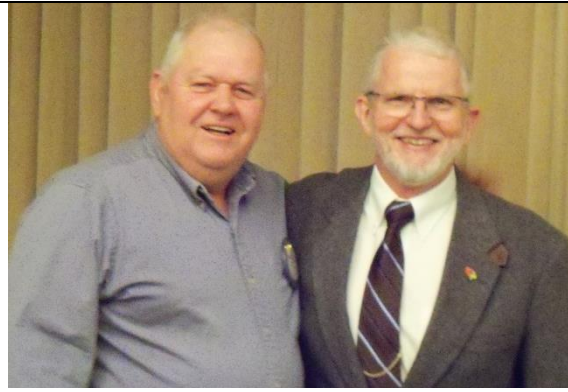
Mary Runyon, guest of her husband Art Runyon



Sandy Bidner



Marcia Dennis with guest Margaret Wolf



Ray Ropp with guest speaker Don Meyer

**Announcements:**



Connie Gentry

Coats for Kids Needs Donations of Coats or Cash



Ron Timmerman

Volunteers Needed at Oakdale



Art Drake

Spoke Staff Needed for 2014

**George Wolf Rotarian of the Year:**



Marcia Dennis



Marcia presents award to Alan Chapman



Alan Chapman

**Guest Speaker:**



Gordon Bidner introduced today's guest speaker: Don Meyer. Don has been an Instructional Assistant Professor at Illinois State University since August 2010 and teaches classes in both the Agriculture and Family and Consumer Sciences Departments. Don was a graduate of Illinois State University in 1976 and received his Master's degree in Education from University of Illinois in 1980. Prior to returning to ISU to teach in 2010, he was County Extension Director for University of Illinois Extension in the McLean County Unit. He was an Extension professional staff member for 27 years, after joining the Extension in 1983 as an agriculture educator.

After he assumed the role of County Director in 1990, he provided leadership in managing the fiscal resources, local staff, and marketing of all Extension programs. Under his leadership, the Extension program expanded to meet the growing population needs as well as the changing client needs including both rural and urban issues. Besides his management responsibilities, he continued to teach workshops in a variety of subject areas including agricultural awareness, horticulture, agriculture economics, and pest management. Prior to Extension Donald taught 6 years at Lexington High School as agriculture instructor and FFA Advisor.

While in Extension, Donald used his Extension “vacation” time to teach 13 credit courses (part-time) at Illinois State University in agronomy, turf, landscape management, agricultural education, and introduction to horticulture.

Donald has been recognized for his work as Achievement Award winner in Illinois Extension Agricultural Association and has twice received state awards in the IEAA program. He presented a paper to the National Association of County Agricultural Agents national meeting in 1987. Locally he received the McLean County Outstanding Service to Agriculture Award in 1990, and was recognized for service as a CAST Associates Award winner from the ISU Agriculture Department in 1992. He was recognized in 2000 by University of Illinois Extension, receiving the Award of Excellence for Sustained Excellence in Extension Programming. In 2009 he was honored with the UI ACES “Team Award for Excellence” for his work as a regular panelist on the Illinois Gardener television program on WILL-TV. In 2010 he received the WJBC “Spirit of McLean County” award recognizing his contributions to the community and in 2011 was named the McLean County Chamber of Commerce “Legacy of Excellence” winner. Most recently he received the McLean County Farm Bureau “Golden Clover” recognition at the 2011 McLean County 4-H Fair.

In addition to teaching at Illinois State University, Don is a licensed real estate salesperson, farm management consultant, and licensed auctioneer with Lee Realty in Bloomington.

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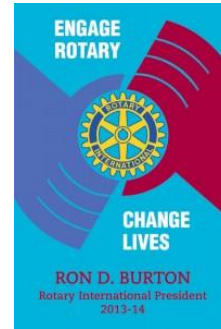
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