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Wednesday, July 27, 2016

Head Table: Michelle Houchin & Gene Jontry

Greeters: Bayo Adanri & Todd Anderson

Lottery: Surinder Sethi & Kevin Smith

Program: Friends Forever

August Birthdays – Please bring a “gift” for the Birthday Auction

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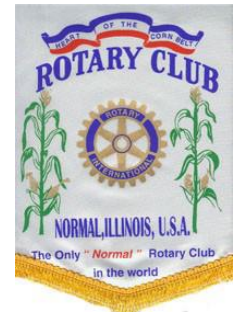
Wednesday, August 3, 2016

Head Table: Mark Jontry & Cynthia Kukla

Greeters: Bruce Bergethon & Gordon Bidner

Lottery: Ron Springer & Dale Strassheim

Program: Club Business & Birthday Auction



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President Jim Rosenlund convened the July 20, 2016, meeting of the Normal Rotary Club. Hank Campbell presented the reflection, and David Taylor was assigned to lead the singing of “America.” President Jim judged that our singing is “getting better,” but that may have been a little spin aimed at getting his new administration off to a good start.



Hank Campbell



Visiting Rotarian: Kevin Birlingmair of Sunrise Rotary.

On this day (July 20th) in U.S. history:

- 1881 – Sioux Indian Chief Sitting Bull surrenders to U.S. troops.
- 1921 – Congresswoman Alice Mary Robertson became the first woman to preside over the U.S. House of Representatives.
- 1969 – First men walk on the moon: Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin from Apollo 11.
- 2015 – The U.S. and Cuba resume full diplomatic relations after five decades.

Famous Birthdays: Carlos Santana, 69; Chris Cornell of Soundgarden, 52.

Announcements:

*The Lamu Center of Preventative Health (LCPH)
Annual Fundraiser*

HeART of Africa Benefit Concert 2016

The Brazilionaires

AUG 21

Doors: 4:00 pm / Show: 4:00 pm

TICKETS

\$25 / Under 15 are FREE

- Hank Campbell announced a benefit by the Brazilionaires, 4 p.m. Aug. 21 at the Castle Theatre. This will benefit the Lamu Center of Preventative Health in Lamu, Kenya, which, by the way, will also benefit from a Rotary International Foundation grant spearheaded by Hank himself. For ticket information call the Castle Theatre box office 309-820-0352 or go to the web site: www.thecastletheatre.com.



Linda Healy

- Linda Healy reported that the Friends Forever group has arrived, and that this bunch of kids is amazing. They will speak at the Normal Rotary Club meeting on July 27.



Kevin Birlingmair reminded us that Sunrise Rotary's Brats and Bags fundraiser will be held Aug. 5 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tickets are \$7 and should be available from any Sunrise Rotarian, from Red Raccoon Games and from Specs Around Town. A beer and bags tournament will be held at 5 p.m.



Marcia Dennis

Mystery host: Linda Healy presented the \$2 to Becky Goeckner for her work with Friends Forever at Safe Harbor.

Lottery: Marcia Dennis won the \$17 pot, but she couldn't get that ace of spades so the \$192 grand prize rolls over.

Judge: John Bishop collected a lot of happy fines from Art Drake for Andy Copenhaver's Facebook fan base; from Hank Campbell for the surprise gift of sweet corn to Friends Forever kids; from David Taylor in honor of Bill Caisley's attire; from Bill Semlak who is hosting his wife Joan's relatives from Europe and from Jim Rosenlund who got to spend some time with his dad.



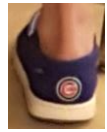
Art Drake



Hank Campbell



David Taylor



Bill Caisley & his shoes

Program:

Kevin Rich, Artistic Director for the Illinois Shakespeare Festival, was our speaker. This is his fourth season as artistic director and the festival is in its 39th year.

He reviewed some of the history of the festival. Its first performance was on the tennis courts at the Ewing Manor. Today, the 16-year-old theater has 438 seats, and the venue always impresses the professional actors who come from all over the country to Bloomington-Normal each year.



Kevin Rich



The Illinois Shakespeare Festival is considered one of the top 10 Shakespeare festivals in the country – a destination for many people. Every year, the festival presents three rotating shows, so you get to see the same company of actors in a variety of roles. This year, the plays are: “Twelfth Night,” “Hamlet,” and “Peter and the Starcatcher.” That last one is kid-friendly.



Whenever agenda time allows, President Jim Rosenlund plans to have members come to the podium and tell the club a little bit about themselves. Vice-President Sherry Hawkins was the first to be volunteered for this presentation.



Sherry Hawkins



A good picture of Mark Jontry

Thought for the Day In honor of the Shakespeare Festival, President Jim got all literary on us, presenting some quotes from the Bard himself:

“Have more than thou showest, speak less than thou knowest, lend less than thou owest.” – “King Lear”

“Be not afraid of greatness: some are born great, some achieve greatness and some have greatness thrust upon them.” – “Twelfth Night”

While in London, England, Rob & Mary Cranston were able to visit with former international students that they had hosted



Niels Halse (he took his wife's surname because Denmark is thick with Christensen's) was hosted by the NRC in 2001 / 2002. The Goeckners and Cranstons hosted Niels. The Cranston's had lunch with Niels, his wife and parents, and son Andreas in London last week.



Linda Eriksson (Andersson). Linda is a physician and has a great husband and 2 delightful daughters. Linda was a student at ISU and the Cranstons were her ISU International Friendship Family

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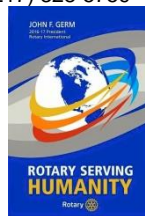
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