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Wednesday, August 10, 2016

Head Table: Stephanie McClelland & Larissa McIlvain

Greeters: John A. Bishop & John E. Bishop

Lottery: Ed Tanton & David Taylor

Program: Dr. Joe Norris from Method Sports Facility

Wednesday, August 17, 2016

Head Table: Elleke Mesdag & Vandana Naik

Greeters: Nancy Brokaw & Dayna Brown-Nielsen

Lottery: Ron Timmerman & Carson Varner



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Jim Rosenlund rang the bell at 12:05 to start the meeting. We took a few minutes to say hello to everyone and then we had some introductions. Bayo Adanri introduced his daughter, Tolu; and then Ray Ropp introduced the 2015 McLean Country Fair 4H King, Derek Lopez and Queen, Lauren Park.

Then Jim started off with a joke, where he was talking with his wife Katie about how he can make the meeting more fun and interesting. She said for him to not to try to be too charming or witty or intellectual...in other words, just be himself!



Tolu & Bayo Adanri



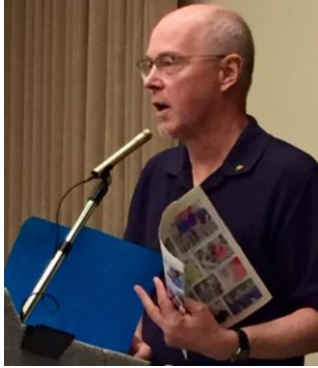
Ray Ropp, Derek Lopez & Lauren Park

Jim shared an interesting statistic: as of today's meeting; the Dow Jones Industrial Average was at 18,315. 30 years ago, it was 4102, 20 years ago-8463, and 10 years ago-13,236. \$1000 invested at that time in the Dow (1986) would have turned into \$21,383. AND in 1973, an average house size was 1660 sq. feet. NOW it is almost 2700. In 1973, the average family size was 3 people. Today, it is 2.5...so more room to spread out!

Announcements:

- Jim read to the club a thank you letter from Friends Forever Director, Steven Martineau.
- Medici Fundraiser with Medici Restaurant-9/24 from 2 pm to 10 pm. NRC is providing the help and we'll need lots of help, so please put this on your calendar and consider helping. This will be a high profile event for the club to raise awareness.
- RLI in Decatur 8/20. Please consider attending. The club will pay for any member that attends.
- NRC Board meeting followed immediately after the club's meeting.

- On 8/21, please consider attending a concert to raise awareness and funds to support the Lamu, Kenya project. The Brazillionaires will be playing a concert at the Castle Theatre on Sunday, 8/21 at 4 pm.



Bruce Bergethon

Judge Bruce Bergethon then came to the podium to draw a lottery number and assess some fines. Former Treasurer Rod Weiglemann won the small pot and did not pick the large pot. It now rolls on and it will be over \$230 next week.

Bruce then recognized and fined Gordon Ropp, Mark Jontry, and Don Rutledge for being in various publications with their photos and no Rotary pin.



Rod Weiglemann



Mystery Host Bill Smlak recognized Tolu Adanri for her creativity and philanthropy in making blankets to be auctioned off during the Birthday Auction with the proceeds going to Safe Harbor.

Happy Fines were from:

- Gordon Ropp recognized his good buddy Gene Gudeman for letting him borrow his car last week when his was in the shop.
- President Jim had a happy dollar for going fishing w/ his son and catching a turtle.
- Linda Healy updated us that the FF group got home safely, after a cancelled flight and much scrambling. Linda also shared that her son has a new job as a beer distributor for a craft beer company. And finally for some of those that heard Dennis Spurgin speak at the District Conference back in May for Project Peanut Butter, his Project is now eligible for The Rotary Foundation Centennial Celebration for Outstanding Project Recognition.



Happy Fines Continued:

- Don Rutledge for he and Nan's 40th wedding anniversary, Don gave a \$40 donation
- Ron Springer wanted to brag on his daughter being recognized for her awesomeness at Heartland Community College.
- Bayo Adanri gave a dollar for democracy and also the fact that he was celebrating earning his PhD. Congrats Dr. Adanri!!
- Somewhat along the same lines, Ron Pacha gave a buck to say he was thankful he lives in the US given all that is going on in Brazil right now.
- Hank Campbell gave \$3; one for being thankful for Lincoln College letting Friends Forever use their dorms, another for turning 72, and a dollar welcoming Bayo to the Doctorate Club.
- Radha Radhakrishnan went to Buffalo, NY and saw Niagara Falls.
- Bill Smlak gave a dollar as he was happy he and his wife Joanie, went to Indiana to visit relatives they don't get to see a lot.
- Finally Drake gave a happy buck for Bayo and also to our entire club for Friends Forever and especially to Linda, Hank & Becky.



Becky Goeckner

- Becky Goeckner paid a Happy Fine as a thank you to Michelle Houchin, Elleke Mesdag, Bill Rolley, Surinder Sethi and Connie Gentry. They provided desserts for Safe Harbor where the Friends Forever group prepared and served dinner last Friday evening.
- Art Drake appreciated Prez Jim Rosenlund's explanation of the lottery AND for his fishing experience with his son.



Art Drake

Birthday Auction:

After Bruce, Gordy Ropp came to the microphone and together as a club, we all sang Happy Birthday to the Rotarians with an August birthday.

- Marcia Dennis bid \$100 for an \$85 Fresh Market gift card from Elleke Mesdag in honor of her 85th birthday.
- Bruce Bergethon won the next bid, which was \$35 for olive oil and spices from our Friends Forever.



Gordon Ropp



Marcia Dennis



Bruce Bergethon

- Todd Anderson gave \$15 for a bottle of wine.
- Mark Jontry gave \$20 for a collection of books.



Linda Healy & Andy Copenhaver

- Andy Copenhaver bid \$35 for a growler of watermelon ale brewed by Todd Anderson.
- Linda Healy bid \$30 for another homebrew from Todd.
- Bayo Adanri and Surinder Sethi each gave \$15 for some fresh honey from Drake Zimmerman's hives.



Surinder Sethi & Bayo Adanri



Don Rutledge

- Don Rutledge took home some Chicago sports gear that he paid \$30 for.
- Bill Semlak paid \$10 for a magnet from the Friends Forever group.



Bill Semlak

- Finally, Bayo Adanri's daughter, Tolu, donated blankets that she'd made up for bid. There were 3 of them and Bayo urged whoever won the bid, that the money AND the blankets go to Home Sweet Home mission. Drake Zimmerman generously "won" with \$100 for each blanket.

Today's auction raised \$670!

Thank You Bidders!



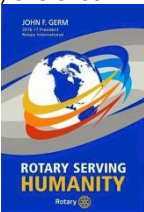
Drake Zimmerman



President Jim Rosenlund displayed the books to be auctioned off.

Next week's speaker will be Dr. Joe Norris from Method Sports Facility explaining their new facility opening off of East Empire Street.

Jim wrapped up the meeting with a **Thought for the Day** from Denis Waitley – "I had the blues because I had no shoes until upon the street, I met a man who had no feet."

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