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Wednesday, September 21, 2016

Head Table: Art Runyon & Don Rutledge

Greeters: Art Drake & Ryan Fleming

Lottery: Todd Anderson & Bruce Bergethon

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Head Table: Bill Semlak & Surinder Sethi

Greeters: Angie Fulton & Connie Gentry

Lottery: Gordon Bidner & John A. Bishop



Reporter: Sherry Hawkins

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Jim Rosenlund

President Jim Rosenlund rang the bell at 12:05 and reminded the club that our motto is Rotary Serving Humanity to start the meeting. We took a few minutes to say hello to everyone.

There were no visiting Rotarians but we had our September student guests of the month: Maya Walker from Normal West was introduced by John A. Bishop. Radi Diamonika from Normal Community was introduced by Matt Wyss; Jadyne Talbert from Olympia HS and the Bloomington Area Career Center (BACC) was introduced by Michelle Houchin; and Andy Copenhaver introduced Ally Shepherd from University High School.

September Students of the Month:



John A. Bishop & Maya Walker



Radi Diamonika & Matt Wyss



Jadyn Talbert & Michelle Houchin



Ally Shepherd & Andy Copenhaver

Jim shared some amusing headlines with us, including:

- County to Pay \$250,000 to Advertise Lack of Funds (Register-Guard, Eugene, Oregon)
- Police: DUI Charge for Woman Celebrating End of Earlier DUI Suspension (Chicago Tribune)
- Federal Agents Raid Gun Shop, Find Weapons (Tulsa World, Oklahoma)
- Spotted in the classifieds: For sale: cemetery plot, \$200, so I don't have to spend all eternity beside my ex! (New Castle, Pennsylvania)
- Now hiring, read the classified ad. Cemetery superintendent. The ideal candidate must be able to supervise in a fast-paced environment.

Announcements:



Andy Copenhaver reminded us it is time to gear up for our annual Poinsettia sale, although I for one cannot believe it is that close to Christmas time!!

Delivery is scheduled for Friday, December 2nd at Jumer's. Large orders will be delivered that day and general pick-up on Saturday, December 3rd.

Sherry Hawkins reminded us that Oktoberfest is this Saturday the 24th. Next to this is a radio announcement that is playing on WJBC, WBNQ and B104:



UPTOWN NORMAL AND THE NORMAL ROTARY INVITE YOU TO JOIN THEM THIS SATURDAY FROM 2- TILL 10 FOR THE UPTOWN NORMAL OKTOBERFEST. ENJOY FOOD FROM MEDICI AND LIVE MUSIC. JUST A FIVE DOLLAR SUGGESTED DONATION AT THE DOOR FOR A GREAT TIME! MEDICI WILL HAVE AWSOME FOOD AND ICE COLD BEVERAGES ON HAND AND THE MUSIC WILL FILL THE AIR TILL 10PM. DON'T SIT HOME AND DO NOTHING! GET OUT AND KICK UP YOUR HEELS AND HELP A GOOD CAUSE.

PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE NORMAL ROTARY AND UPTOWN PARTNERS.

ALL THIS SATURDAY FROM 2 TILL 10 IN UPTOWN NORMAL



Linda Healy

Linda Healy was the **Judge**. She asked if there was a **Mystery Host**. Art Runyon responded that he was the Mystery Host. He then heaped praise on Alan Chapman and rewarded him with the coveted \$2 bill.

This reporter dutifully wrote everything down that happened at last week's meeting, then left said notes in her Champaign office. So unfortunately cannot remember the lottery details or who was happy about what. I apologize!



Art Runyon & Alan Chapman

Thanks to photographer Michelle Houchin we can document that several Rotarians paid **Happy Fines**:



Gene Jontry



Bayo Adanri



Jim Carter



Hank Campbell

Program:



Marcus Ricci

We had a great presenter from the Ecology Action Center. Marcus Ricci – the Energy Program Coordinator spoke to us about energy conservation and the BN EnergyBright program. This is an effort to help their residents reduce their energy costs



The City of Bloomington and the Town of Normal have helped the Ecology Action Center establish the BNenergyBright Energy Assessment Program, which includes an Energy Audit for your home or small business. Participation in the program would normally cost \$150 for a household or \$300 for a small business. However, as a benefit of the local municipal electricity aggregation programs, the City and Town will pay a portion of the fee: \$130 of the home audit fee or \$260 for the small business audit fee, meaning you will only have to pay \$20 for a home or \$40 for a small business. Participation in the Program includes a professional Energy Audit at your home or small business, a free Energy Savings Kit that will save you at least \$100 annually. A comprehensive Energy Assessment Report will help you decide which energy-saving measures are best for you and your family.

He also gave us some other tips on how to save energy in our homes including:

- Program your thermostat to 68 degrees F in the winter and 78 degrees F in summer. If you do not have a programmable thermostat, visit our Energy Products section for more information.
- Install a power strip and use it to easily turn off the TV, VCR, stereo, fan, computer, printer, and other electronics all at once when not in use.

- Avoid using portable or baseboard heaters, because not only are they power hogs, they are also a fire hazard.
- Check your electricity bill and compare it to your previous usage to get a sense of how you're improving!
- Run your dishwasher with a full load. Most of the energy used by a dishwasher goes to heat water.
- Avoid using the heat-dry, rinse-hold and pre-rinse features on your dishwasher. Instead use the air-dry option. If your dishwasher does not have an air-dry option, prop the door open after the final rinse to dry the dishes.
- Thaw, or partially thaw, frozen foods in the fridge before cooking.

Jim's Thought for the Day came from Rodney Dangerfield (Back to School): *"It's a jungle out there. You gotta look out for number one, but don't step in number two."*



Gene Jontry
Member Profile
 by Bayo Adanri

Gene just celebrated his 80th birthday this past week by Michigan Lake in New Buffalo, Michigan with 23 family members in attendance. In his own words, Gene said "family, church and Rotary are very important to me". He loves Rotary because of the opportunity to serve others either through local or international projects.

Gene's membership in Rotary started with the Chenoa Rotary Club, his home town Rotary Club where he served in various capacities during his 26 years of membership. He recalled providing driver education to exchange student and in arranging AFS talent shows which were used as fundraiser for the club. Our own late Ben Gildersleeve used to go to Chenoa Club to make up during that time according to Gene.

Gene enjoys athletics. He appreciates his high school and college coaches; particularly Dr. Jim Collie who played a significant role in his life. Aside from on the court achievement during his college years at ISU, Dr. Collie, Dr. Hancock and Dr. Horton had a significant influence on him. Dr. Collie later became his sponsor to the Normal Rotary Club. Dr. Hancock taught him anatomy and physiology while Dr. Horton taught him physiology.

Aside from Rotary, Gene is active in other community activities. He is active as a member of the Senior Professionals and Athletics Hall of Fame where is served on the selection committee. Gene retired as the Superintendent of Schools after 25 years. Gene was also a referee and for 20 years he officiated games in McLean and surrounding counties.

Gene enjoys his membership in the Normal Rotary Club because of the comradery and friendships among the members plus their willingness to serve others. Gene has served and continues to serve on various committees including the Dr. Jim Collie Vocational Award Committee among others.

Gene's athletics and professional life of excellence is captured on the ISU website and include the following: "Gene Jontry '58 pays attention to details. His meticulous form at the free throw line sealed a 94 percent free throw average—a Redbird record that still stands. As a Central Illinois educator, coach and superintendent for 45 years, he made certain programs ran without a glitch so students could soar". Gene with his wife Diane are parents to five children that include Mark Jontry the current Regional Superintendent of Schools and a member of the Normal Rotary Club. Gene is a Paul Harris Fellow with one stone and a member of the Normal Hall of Honor. Thanks to Gene for his service to Rotary and our community.

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