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Wednesday, December 6, 2017 – No Noon Meeting

Meet at ISU Hancock Stadium Room – 5:30 p.m.

December Birthdays – Please bring a gift for the Birthday Auction

Dayna Brown-Nielsen	2
Andy Copenhaver	4
Thomas Garrett	4
Lindsey Smith	9
Gene Gudeman	10
Rebecca Houtsma	15
Bill Caisley	19
Radha Radhakrishnan	25



Wednesday, December 13, 2017

Meet at ISU Alumni Center 1101 N. Main St. Normal

Greeters: Gene Jontry & Mark Jontry

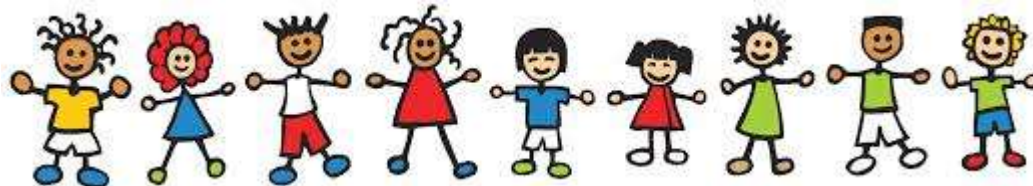
Lottery: Nancy Brokaw & Dayna Brown-Nielsen

Program: Club Business & Birthday Auction

Reporter: Art Drake

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First, an important announcement:

The Normal Rotary Coats for Kids fund is running low. Rotarian Connie Gentry has been shopping for winter wear bargains these last few weeks to ensure that we get as many coats as possible for our community's kids in need.

The word is that we are going to be short of money for coats if we don't get some donations soon. We need cash donations to replenish our fund so Connie can continue to maximize the deals.

Send a tax-deductible contribution to the Normal Rotary Foundation, P.O. Box 333, Normal, IL 61761. Make sure to write "coats" on the memo line.



Normal Rotary Club president Hank Campbell convened our Nov. 29 meeting, reminding us to remember Don Rutledge and Ron Pacha. And he welcomed Rotarian Connie Gentry back after her lengthy absence.

Hank also reflected on the tragic attack at a mosque in Egypt where innocent people were praying.

Andy Copenhaver gave the invocation and Ray Ropp led the singing, supported by his able backup singers who we assume were performing under the name, "The Roppettes".

Guests: Todd Chapman, Corin Chapman and Renee Beard, guests of Alan Chapman; Sara Grammer, guest of Rob Cranston; Brandie Taylor, guest of Leni Kuntz.

Visiting Rotarians: John Calderon, Champaign; Leni Kuntz, Bloomington



Renee Beard, Corin Chapman, Todd Chapman & Alan Chapman



Rob Cranston & Sara Grammer



Leni Kuntz & Brandie Taylor



John Calderon

November Students of the Month:

- Christian Lopez from U-High said he appreciated the hospitality he found at our meetings, and he enjoyed the opportunity to learn about the club.
- Lexi Showalter of NCHS said it was a great experience to see community leaders joining together to achieve common goals.
- Melissa Pish of Normal West appreciated the chance to be around great people and learn about our involvement in the community.



Christian Lopez



Lexi Showalter



Melissa Pish



Connie Gentry & John A. Bishop

Mystery host: John A. Bishop presented the coveted \$2 to Connie Gentry in appreciation for her return to our meetings and for her work for Coats for Kids. John mentioned that State Farm has a program for matching donations, so State Farm employees and retirees might want to look into that to the benefit of Coats for Kids.



Lottery: The day's pot was \$27, but the accumulated jackpot was \$845. So electricity was in the air. The excitement was as thick as week-old turkey gravy. (Not sure who I'm stealing that line from.) Bill Caisley won the day's drawing, but drew the 5 of Clubs. The gravy will have to thicken for another week.



Bill Caisley



Bruce Bergethon

Judge: His honor, Bruce Bergethon, presided over a deluge of happiness.

Happy fines were as follows:

- Connie Gentry she paid a large fine for a lot of happiness. She appreciated that the Spoke committee kept her up to date about Rotary happenings and the Coats for Kids committee kept that annual effort humming. She has been out of commission with a broken femur and urged everyone to be aware that long-term use of drugs to strengthen bones can in fact cause brittleness. And Connie reminded everyone that Coats for Kids needs donations of money.
- Gordon Bidner was happy to have heard from Sam Fuller every year around Thanksgiving.
- Rob Cranston was happy for Student of the Month Melissa Pish, who won two victories at the state swim meet. He was especially happy that his son Mark, daughter-in-law and granddaughter Ebba were here for a visit and Thanksgiving.
- Becky Goeckner was happy because her granddaughter has a solo in the Holiday Spectacular.
- Linda Healy was happy that her gall bladder has gone on to a better place and that she was able deliver coats, clothes, boots and shoes to a family in need thanks to generous donations.
- Dianne Schultz was happy that the Festival of Trees was a big success.
- Dale Strassheim was happy that Dianne is running the Baby Fold.
- Carson Varner boasted that back in the day he was a swimmer and that even today he can do a flip turn! He was very happy to be making progress on a pile of term papers.





Connie Gentry



Gordon Bidner & Art Runyon



Rob Cranston



Becky Goeckner



Linda Healy



Dianne Schultz



Dale Strassheim



Carson Varner

Announcements:



Andy Copenhaver

- Andy Copenhaver said the poinsettia truck is scheduled to arrive at the Chateau at 7:30 a.m. Friday. He needs help with unloading and with deliveries Friday. He also needs help 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday when our loyal customers will stop to pick them up.
- The club needs a slate of officers by December. We need to fill a VP position and seats on the board of directors. Jim Rosenlund is leading that effort.
- Don't forget that our holiday party will start at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6, and we will share the celebration with members of Daybreak Rotary.
- The club's birthday auction will be held at the Dec. 13 meeting.



Corin Chapman

Program:

The program was provided by Corin Chapman, a Bloomington resident, an associate actuary with State Farm, secretary for the Global Foundation for Peroxisomal Disorders and Alan Chapman's daughter-in-law. With her was Renee Beard, who represents Cunningham Recreation: Creating Safe and Fun Playgrounds.

Corin and her husband, Todd, have two children, Ellie and Max. Max, age 4, has peroxisomal disorder, which limits his hearing, vision and muscle tone. He loves the outdoors, but the only playground equipment he can use in most parks is the swing. Corin says about one of every 10 kids in the community have limitations that keep them from using the parks that we have.

The Harmony Park Project is an effort to replace equipment at Rollingbrook Park at the corner of Hershey and Oakland in Bloomington. The idea is to create a space where children of all abilities can enjoy playground recreation, promoting physical, social, emotional, sensory, cognitive and communication skills. The budget for the park is \$350,000. The City of Bloomington has budgeted \$85,000, and the project has received a \$25,000 grant from State Farm Insurance. Additional funds will be raised through corporate sponsorships and grants.

Our future meeting locations:


December 6th: Holiday party at the ISU Hancock Stadium Room at 5:30 - NO NOON MEETING

December 13th and 20th: ISU Alumni Center 1101 N. Main St. Normal

December 27th: No Noon Meeting – ISU is closed for winter break

January 3rd: ISU Alumni Center 1101 N. Main St. Normal

Hank's Thought for the Day is from Indira Gandhi, *“There are two kinds of people, those who do the work and those who take the credit. Try to be in the first group; there is less competition there.”*

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