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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

Wednesday, December 20, 2017

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

Greeters: Stephanie McClellan & Larissa McIlvain

Lottery: Angie Bubon & Bill Caisley

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David Taylor



The Normal Rotary Club and the Bloomington-Normal Daybreak Rotary Club celebrated the holidays with a festive party in the Hancock Stadium Club on the evening of December 6, 2017. In the absence of President Hank Campbell and any better choice, David Taylor conducted the meeting.

There's not much to say about this meeting. Bruce Bergethon and Tom Ricker provided music before and after the proceedings. Hank had prepared a review of our Rotary year, but David discarded it after noting that it ran 1,052 words, compared to 272 words in the immortal Gettysburg Address.



Bruce Bergethon & Tom Ricker

Magician Allen Adcock provided entertainment for the meeting with help from Daybreak's Tracy Bobbitt and David Taylor, who swore revenge on Hank. Hank should probably stay in Colorado a while longer.



David Taylor & Allen Adcock



Allen Adcock, Drake Zimmerman & Pat Healy



A bright spot of the evening was when Marcia Dennis won the drawing for the night. But she FAILED to draw the ace of spades, leaving the rest of us hope of winning the pot which next week will be more than the \$866 that Marcia lost out on.



Marcia Dennis

President Hank Campbell's Message

I'm sorry I can't be with you this evening. I will be helping a family in Colorado but I will be thinking of you.

First of all, I want to thank our Normal Rotary members for their service in helping us to be a strong, vibrant and compassionate club. I thank our committees that plan our weekly programs, take care of the details for our meetings, volunteer for our community work locally, in our District, nationally and international projects.

Let's recognize our new members who have joined since January. We think of those members who can't be with us due to health issues or have moved from this community.

During the construction of the Bone Student Center, we moved our meeting place to the ISU Alumni Center. How is this working out for everyone? Has the food service been good? Our thanks to Redbird catering for their service.

We have had over 30 speakers and programs at our meetings to help us better understand our community whether it be local regional, national or international.



Greg & Susan Anvick



Iris & Carson Varner; Ron & Becky Goeckner

Gathered with us each month of the school year we host our students of the month from U-High, Normal Community West High, Normal Community and Bloomington Area Career Center. Forty to 45 students visited us and we learned about them as persons with talent and abilities to serve their schools and community. The Normal Club gave \$1000 scholarships with a special luncheon. We recognized and funded one student to pursue a career in agriculture. Our Normal Club Foundation is an important part of your support for these scholarships.

Our Normal Rotary Foundation funded \$2500 for a Pollinator project at the Children's Discovery Museum. The mobile exhibit will travel to elementary schools and selected community events. Plus, we had a meeting at the Museum!



Joe Mikulecky, Drake Zimmerman
& Dorothy Mikulecky



Mary & Rob Cranston; Narinder & Surinder Sethi

Remember our ice cream social for those residents of the McLean County Nursing Home? Our members served these senior folks throughout the facility. Strawberry and Butter Pecan were a rare treat for them.

Oakdale Promise Council at Oakdale Elementary of Unit 5 schools continues to flourish with our involvement and support. The 100 Caring Adults event in January welcomes and cheers kids back to school after the holiday break. We granted \$500 from our club for 'Panthers for a Change' of clothes for students who had 'accidents' during school. We help teachers be successful with pizza for reading nights, bags of food for weekends (95 per week), VISON speakers, transportation for 5th grade Career Day at ISU, and some Rotary members volunteer for tutoring. Oakdale Principal Darin Cooper reports the teachers are delighted with our support.



Bayo & Bunmi Adanri; Dick & Eileen Wagner



Tracy Bobbitt & Ryan Eucker

Monthly birthday auctions! As auctioneer, Gordy Ropp leads us to raise the bids to help our treasury so we can do good in the world.

Coats for Kids is one of our signature events led by Connie Gentry. We provide hundreds of coats, gloves and warmer wear items for Unit 5. Thanks to our community merchants for their support.

Marching in Parades. Memorial Day and Labor Day Parades our members march with other BN Rotarians with Old Glory Flags leading the parades. Many community members lining the parade route applaud our presence.

Adopt a Highway. Bill Semlak leads our task to pick up trash and recyclables along the roadside of the Yuton Road, west of Normal. We do this 4 times during good weather on Saturdays.



Gene Gudeman, Sandy Bush & Elleke Mesdag

Service above Self. Ryan Fleming now serves as our Treasurer. Marcia Dennis checks us in for our weekly meetings. Our officers as Board members serve faithfully. Thanks to Jim Rosenland, Past President for his leadership and helping me get started as your President. Our Normal Foundation Board is really important, too.

Rural-Urban Night at the farm of Ray and Carol Ropp. It offers us a unique opportunity to gain a perspective of farm outputs that feed our nation and the world and their role in the world economy.

Kudos to Becky Goeckner for our production of the SPOKE, our outstanding weekly newsletter. I feel it's one of the finest in the District. Of course, she relies on our SPOKE reporters and photographers. Thanks to Art Drake always appealing for more volunteers.

One-on One Veterans Day event led by Marcia Dennis, John Bishop and others of our club. This is a five club Rotary event held in November each year to honor our veterans. Because of their service we enjoy our freedoms each day, week, month and year. We should be thankful.



Angie Bubon, Stephanie McClellan, Larissa McIlvain, Rob Porter & wife

We have Normal Club Rotarians involved in Global Grants that have helped communities in Nigeria, India, Kenya. A fund raiser for the Lamu Center of Preventative Health in August at the Castle Theater to supplement a global grant raised over \$10,000.

Sherry Hawkins, our club VP worked with the 'Octoberfest' in Uptown Normal with Medici's and Uptown Partners. We thank the members of the Daybreak Rotary who volunteered with us to staff the event and 'sell' the mugs.


Friends Forever during the summer of 2016. Led by planning efforts and support of Roger Schmidgall, Linda Healy, Hank Campbell, Drake Zimmerman and youth members, plus other BN Rotarians, we hosted ten Israeli youth, two teachers, and a FF site manager for two weeks for service activities, peace building and leadership/friendship learning. Normal Rotarians were important to support this effort with \$3000 from our treasury as this helped to offset the \$25,000 cost.

Last but not least, the Poinsettia sales. We support many of our club activities with this fund raising activity. This was our 30th year! Thanks to Andy Copenhaver for leading this event plus the many members who sold plants, unloaded the truck at the Chateau, delivered them to our customers and collected the money! A job well done!

Thanks to all for helping the Normal Rotary Club to be the finest in District 6490 and beyond. We are trying to be a club of "Rotary Members of Action, Making a Difference" throughout the year! Thank you for supporting your President. Have a blessed Christmas and Holiday season!

Our future meeting locations:

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

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