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Wednesday, January 17, 2018

Meet at ISU Bone Student Center

Greeters: Bill Rolley & Gordon Ropp

Lottery: Art Drake & Paul Enchelmayer

Wednesday, January 24, 2018

Meet at ISU Bone Student Center

Greeters: Ray Ropp & Jim Rosenlund

Lottery: Ryan Fleming & Connie Gentry



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President Hank Campbell opened the meeting at 12:10.

Normal Rotarians Don Rutledge and Ron Pacha still warrant our best thoughts. Ron Timmerman also gave a brief report on Ron Pacha's condition, saying Ron Pacha had given his Mystery Host \$2 (from Ron Timmerman) to his primary caretaker; wife Jan. Ron Timmerman also bought 3 lottery tickets for Ron Pacha.



Steve Dobski

Rob Cranston and Steve Dobski were very busy selling said tickets before the meeting, as the Big Pot is now over \$1000.

The Invocation was given by Matt Wyss, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a sweet version of "My Country Tis of Thee," led by Nancy Steele Brokaw.

Guests: Rotarian Bobby Castillo, from the Sunrise Club, was introduced by his WGLT colleague, Linda Healy. Dianne Schultz introduced her guest, Rebecca Kinsey, a Baby Fold employee and community schools social worker at Fairview Elementary.



Bobby Castillo



Rebecca Kinsey

January Students of the Month: All four of our January students-of-the-month were in attendance. Nancy Steele Brokaw introduced U-High student Stephanie Soukup, who is considering both Wheaton and Hillsdale colleges, and plans to major in either English or history. John A. Bishop again hosted Lauren Seaver from the BACC and U-High, who will be majoring in kinesiology at Indiana University, and Lydia Spychalla from NCWHS, who intends to study engineering at the U of I, with a possible eventual career in astrophysics. John E. Bishop introduced us to Larin Harr from NCHS; she will be studying nursing at Austin Peay in Clarksville, TN, with an eventual career in pediatric oncology.



Stephanie Soukup



Lauren Seaver



Lydia Spychalla



Larin Harr



Rebecca Kinsey, Dianne Schultz & Hank Campbell

Hank Campbell officiated in the presentation of a \$3500 grant check to the Baby Fold's Dianne Schultz. He noted that the board had combined the formerly many mini-grants into one single award. Diane expressed gratitude. She explained that the grant money would be used to partially fund "embedded social worker" Rebecca Kinsey at Fairview Elementary School. Rebecca spoke about the kind of activities for which she will be using the money, including a "breakfast club" for morning students and an after school tutoring program with over 30 participants. A spontaneous testimonial was added by Stephanie McClellan, who said her Fairview-student children had nothing but good words for "Mrs. Kinsey's" presence.



Dianne Schultz & Ray Ropp

Mystery Host: Dianne Schultz awarded the \$2 bill to Ray Ropp for "living by his family values."

Judge: Larissa McIlvain could barely contain her excitement as she announced the \$53 lottery winnings for the day, with the prospect of someone pulling the Ace of Spades from the six remaining cards, to win \$1023.



Larissa McIlvain



Rob Cranston took today's pot of \$53, but not the big one; he pulled the 4 of Clubs. Only five cards left for next week!

Judge Larissa McIlvain fined all the members at the tables in the back a dollar for leaving the seat between front-tablers Matt Wyss and Art Drake vacant. Inspired by Becky Goeckner's efforts to help in Puerto Rico, Larissa also talked a bit about some other local efforts recently reported in The Pantagraph to raise money for hurricane relief.

Happy fines:



Nancy Steele Brokaw

- Nancy Steele Brokaw added her 3 cheers (and a dollar) to those we had already given Rebecca Kinsey, based on Nancy's knowledge of Fairview from her traveling opera corps.
- Becky Goeckner was happy about spending 9 days in Hawaii with her whole family for the marriage of her youngest son. She also brought back a banner from the Rotary Club in Hilo which she visited.



Hank Campbell & Becky Goeckner

Announcements:

- President Hank Campbell reported that, on January 9 (Tuesday) at 7:15 a.m., 100 Caring Adults filled the hallways of Oakdale Elementary to welcome the students back to school. He thanked the Rotarians who were amongst them.
- District 6490 Double Point Matching Campaign for Paul Harris Awards is in effect through January 31, 2018. Talk to Drake Zimmerman for more information, or check your District Newsletter.
- February 10 -District 6490 Rotary Leadership Institute at Richland Community College, Decatur
- Save the date for Daybreak's return of the Cajun Craze Saturday, May 5 with a new location at the Corn Crib



Dan Corcoran

Program:

Dan Corcoran, the newly-appointed Operating Officer of the relatively-new Central Illinois Flying Aces, was our speaker. Originally from Wisconsin, Corcoran was deeply involved in the rebranding of the local hockey team at the Grossinger Motors Arena in downtown Bloomington.



He spoke about the thought process that went into each element of the new team, which (unlike the Bloomington Thunder) is not a professional team, but a junior hockey platform for young players headed for Division I collegiate hockey, and thence to the pros (leading to their marketing phrase, "the future stars of the NHL.") The use of "Central Illinois" is to make the fan base more inclusive of Normal and surrounding towns, with the "Flying Aces" intended to refer to the elite playing level of the team's members.

Hanks' Thought for the Day: *"What can you do to promote world peace? Go home and love your family."* --Mother Teresa

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