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Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Meet at ISU Bone Student Center

Greeters: Bill Caisley & Jason Chambers

Lottery: David Taylor & Ron Timmerman

Invocation: Stephanie McClellan

Wednesday, April 25, 2018

Meet at ISU Bone Student Center

Greeters: Alan Chapman & Andy Copenhaver

Lottery: Carson & Iris Varner

Invocation: Gene Jontry



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Hank Campbell

President Hank Campbell opened the meeting at 12:10.

After an update on the continuing need for relief in Ponce (and all of Puerto Rico), Becky Goeckner gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by a pretty good version of "My Country 'Tis of Thee," led by Bill Sendlak.



Becky Goeckner

Joe Mikulecky from the Daybreak Rotary Club was our only visiting Rotarian. Another guest, introduced by Matt Riehle, was Tammy Halford of Harlan Geiser Consultants.

Two of our four **April Students of the Month** were in attendance, and spoke about their extracurricular activities. Fred Hahn re-introduced Olympia High School senior, and BACC representative, Xian Graden. Xian has been a wrestler, he says, "since childhood," and also plays football and track. He explained that his first name comes from his mother's Chinese college roommate, who was unable to have her own son, so Xian's name was his mother's fond gesture to her roommate.

Becky Goeckner welcomed Katie Froelich from NCHS. Katie is a leader in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and has been active in Spanish Club. She plans to minor in Spanish at Cornerstone University in Grand Rapids, MI.



Joe Mikulecky



Tammy Halford & Matt Riehle



Xian Graden



Katie Froelich



Drake Zimmerman & Nancy Brokaw

Mystery Host: Drake Zimmerman awarded the \$2 bill to Nancy Brokaw, who had shared popcorn from the new Garlic Press popcorn and candy store with the membership.

Lottery: \$11 was won by Dale Strassheim, who drew the 3 of Clubs, rolling over the Big Pot for next week to \$212.



Dale Strassheim & Hank Campbell



Larissa McIlvain

Judge: Larissa McIlvain fined those who had neglected to accessorize with their Rotary pins for the meeting. Happy fines came from:

- Hank Campbell, whose son had obtained employment after sending out over 900 applications during 17 months;
- Bill Semlak, who had a terrific winter in southern Texas, but was glad to be back;
- Bill Caisley, grateful for the warm weather, finally;
- Joe Mikulecky, who took advantage of the opportunity to promote Daybreak's Cajun Craze fundraiser at the Corn Crib, May 5; the event is family friendly and supports Friends Forever;
- Drake Zimmerman, who is happy to be a sponsor of the Cajun Craze;
- Dale Strassheim, who also has a new job – 3 months as the interim director of Easter Seals



Bill Semlak



Bill Caisley



Joe Mikulecky



Drake Zimmerman



Dale Strassheim

Announcements:

- Tickets are still available for the Rotary excursion to see the Cubs play the Cards in St. Louis June 17th.
- Friends Forever delegation, arriving June 28th, may be housed in the international house at IWU, Kemp Hall.
- President Hank thanked the many club members who are evaluating student candidates to receive awards at the Rotary Scholarship Luncheon, May 9.
- Marcia Dennis thanked people for bringing in 65 books this month for the literacy project, plus \$337 in



Rob Widmer

Program: Rob Widmer, outgoing President of Heartland Community College, noted that he is an honorary Normal Rotary Club member – and was wearing his pin! A Gridley native, Rob has worked at Heartland for 22 years, five as President and seventeen as Chief Business Officer. He came on board five years after the creation of HCC, and watched as the College evolved from 100 students at Landmark Mall to the current 5,000 students on their Raab Road campus. Rob spoke of the many objectives of HCC, focusing on 1) career and technical training; 2) preparing two year students to transfer with articulated credits to 4 year degree programs; and 3) various “adult education” services, including GED completion, customized training for local businesses, continuing education courses, and partnerships such as the Challenger Learning Center and the Corn Crib.



Abby Jackson

Rob was pleased to introduce Heartland student Abby Jackson to expand on the way in which Heartland serves students. Ms. Jackson is a native of Minier, an Olympia graduate in 2016, and will transfer from Heartland to ISU at the end of this semester. She described her “vague” interest in agriculture when she entered HCC, and spoke glowingly of the skillful advising she received, which helped bring her to a much more focused program of study that will feed into a Crop and Soil Sciences major at ISU. She is an active member of Phi Beta Lambda, an ag business fraternity that has given her opportunities to travel to California and Maryland and to compete nationally with other students. Heartland, she said, has “allowed me to be me” while pursuing an affordable and cost effective education.

Rob Widmer concluded by referring to Abby’s story as indicative of Heartland’s focus on student success. He says he is proud of the level of faculty engagement with student passions (crochet in Abby’s case), and of the many community partnerships, including dual credit with Unit 5 and the management of the Challenger Learning Center. Rob, who said he has decided not to commit to any new activities for at least three months after his retirement from the Presidency, nevertheless allowed that he might “need a little structure in his new life – like a noon meeting in the Bone Student Center.” We gave Rob a standing ovation at the beginning and end of his presentation.

Note: Heartland Community College announced on Thursday that Dr. Keith Cornille of Madison Area Technical College (Madison, WI) will become Heartland’s fourth President.



Dale Strassheim & Nancy Brokaw

Hanks' Thought for the Day:

"I was not a good student. I did not spend much time at college; I was too busy enjoying myself."

--Stephen Hawking (1942-2018)

Invocation Schedule:

April 18, 2018: Stephanie McClellan

April 25, 2018: Gene Jontry


May 2, 2018: Gordon Ropp

May 9, 2018: Bill Rolley

May 16, 2018: Ryan Fleming

May 23, 2018: Matt Riehle

May 30, 2018: Gordon Bidner

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