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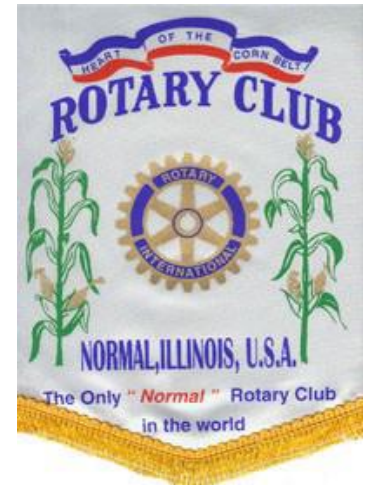
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August Birthdays – Please bring a gift for the Birthday Auction

Bayo Adanri	2
Hank Campbell	4
Jeff Lindsay	4
Elleke Mesdag	6
Dianne Schultz	17
Paul Enchelmayer	24



Wednesday, August 1, 2018

Greeters: Matt Riehele & Bill Rolley

Lottery: Tom Gibson & Becky Goeckner

Program: Club Business & Birthday Auction

Wednesday, August 8, 2018

Greeters: Gordon Ropp & Ray Ropp

Lottery: Gene Gudeman & Fred Hahn

Program: Fabiola Acevedo – Puerto Rico & the Aftermath of Hurricane Maria

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The July 25, 2018 meeting of the Normal Rotary Club convened at Midwest Food Bank on Northtown Rd, Normal. President Sherry Hawkins called the club to order, and Bill Semlak gave the reflection.

Sherry gave some fun facts about Bloomington-Normal: Pepsi is official soft drink of Bloomington. The character "Henry Blake" from the hit series MASH was originally from Bloomington-Normal. John F. Kennedy visited Lucca Grill in 1960 during his presidential campaign. Bloomington got its name in 1830, before that it was known as Blooming Grove and prior to that Keg Grove.

Visiting Rotarians and guests: None.



President Sherry Hawkins convened our meeting at the Midwest Food Bank.

Announcements:

--President Sherry preferred to order members lunch from Kelly's Bakery to support a local business than a chain.

--On Aug. 18, Rotary Leadership Institute will be held at Richland Community College in Decatur. The club will pay your registration.

--Regarding the Ponce, Puerto Rico Solar project, President Sherry said our club's goal is \$5,000 through club's foundation. As of the beginning of the meeting, we had already raised \$4,200 and Sherry offered a \$2 bill for sale and a match up to \$50. Dale Strassheim and Dick Wagner offered \$50 each in recognition of their upcoming 50th wedding anniversaries. With other commitments, we raised enough during the meeting to meet our goal of \$5,000.

--Club members received a list of club committees, and President Sherry invited members to add their names to the committee of their choice or to make changes.

--Scott Ice asked members to help in fundraising for our club foundation at the Oktoberfest to be held on Sept. 22. He distributed sample letters with information about the types of projects our club implements, Sponsorship Application etc for us to send to our friends /contacts.

--Hank Campbell reported on engaging 5 Bloomington-Normal Rotary Clubs to help with the funding of Harmony Park Project. He met with Sunrise club which is very interested in the project – so interested that Sunrise might hold a fundraiser for this project. Hank also suggested that local Rotary Clubs might use district grants to help fund the project..



Ron Springer and Hank Campbell



Scott Ice

--On July 19, a fundraiser was held at Keg Grove Brewery for the Harmony Park project where President Sherry put \$100 in the tip jar on behalf of Normal Rotary. Tip matches totaling to about \$4,200 were collected. Our club's goal is to contribute \$5,000 for the project through our club's foundation.

Mystery Host: Ron Springer was the Mystery Host and gave the \$2 bill to Hank Campbell, past President of our club.

No judge, no lottery.

Program: Mark Csanda, Community Center Facilitator of Midwest Food Bank was the speaker. He is a retired educator and has immensely involved in helping the mission of the Midwest Food Bank. As a faith-based organization, the mission of Midwest Food Bank is to alleviate hunger and poverty by gathering and distributing food donations to not-for-profits and disaster sites – all without cost to the recipients.

The food is distributed to partner agencies (food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, etc.) who, in turn, serve individuals in need. Midwest Food Bank does not serve directly to individuals. Volunteers are vital to the operation of the Food Bank such as gathering, packaging, transporting, working on logistics in reaching out to victims of disasters etc.



Mark Csanda

The Kieser family began providing food out of a barn on their family farm.



The amount of food distribution kept on growing over the years so much so that today Midwest Food Bank operates from six large warehouses in Illinois, Indiana, Georgia, Florida and Arizona. The International operations started in 2014 in Kenya, Africa to help alleviate hunger.

Midwest Food Bank receives donated food from food manufacturers, distributors, grocers, community and organizational food drives, and from individual donors. Midwest Food bank is always in need of volunteers, without whom the Food Bank will be unable to meet the needs of those they serve. So please pass on the word and have volunteers contact MFB at 309-663-5350.

Sherry's Thought for the Day: "Success isn't about how much money you make, it's about the difference you make in people's lives." – Michelle Obama

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