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Wednesday, December 19, 2018

Greeters: Becky Goeckner & Gene Gudeman

Lottery: Rob Cranston & Art Drake

Wish our Members with January Birthdays a Happy Birthday!

Gene Howell 1

Fred Hahn 3

Ed Tanton 6

Art Drake 24



Wednesday, January 9, 2018

Greeters: Fred Hahn & Linda Healy

Lottery: Paul Enchelmayer & Ryan Fleming

Program: Club Business – **Birthdays Auction celebrating November, December & January Birthdays – Theme: Super Bowl Ready!**

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President Sherry Hawkins opened the meeting at 12:05. Bill Caisley gave the invocation, and we managed a somewhat lukewarm version of “My Country ‘Tis of Thee.”

Sherry shared a pretty good bad joke, involving a Viking named Rudolf the Red. He successfully predicted precipitation, telling his wife that “Rudolf the Red knows rain, dear.”

Assistant District Governor John Meek from the B-N Daybreak Club, our only guest, made a presentation of a gold star (literally) to the Normal Rotary Club for averaging over \$100 per capita in contributions last year to the Rotary International Foundation.



John Meek & Sherry Hawkins



President Sherry had several announcements, preceded by a confession that after Art Drake had awarded her \$2 for taking the responsibility of photographing the poinsettia unloading and distribution, she forgot to follow through and take pictures! She apologized, and handed back the ducat to Art.



Art Drake & Sherry Hawkins

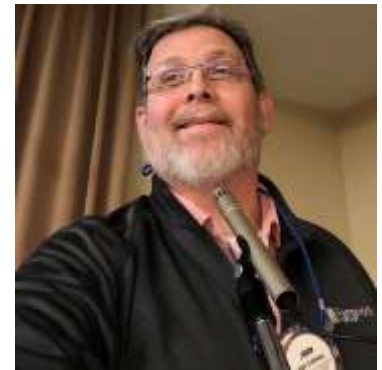
Announcements and Club News:

1. President Sherry called the holiday party a great success, thanks to Dayna Brown-Nielsen. She also shared several speaker ideas that had been generated at our last Club meeting, including a longer evening meeting that would allow for a fuller exposition by the program speaker.
2. Jim Rosenlund's band will be performing at Legends on January 18th at 7:30. Perhaps this could be an opportunity for a Club social?
3. Rotary District 6490 has developed a new Membership Plan that is quite exciting and we could be the first in our district to see it and be able to then share it with our clubs. The District is looking for about 15-20 Rotarians who would be interested in being trained to be a membership facilitator. These membership teams would then go out to the clubs to facilitate a 2-hour membership session with 2-3 members from each club plus the president and assistant governor. The more facilitators we have the fewer the number of clubs for which each person would be responsible. The meeting is scheduled for February 23 in Bloomington from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Please contact District Governor Arlene Pennie, apennie@comcast.net if you are interested.

Judge John E. Bishop, also the photographer for today's meeting, snapped a selfie as he took the podium.

He called for the **Mystery Host** – Ron Timmerman, who gave the \$2 to Ray Ropp with instructions to pass it to brother Gordie, recovering from surgery. Ray asked, "What if I don't get it to Gordie?" Several people reminded him of and pointed out the Four Way Test.

President Sherry won the \$19 **Lottery**, but was unable to convert to the big pot of \$657 when she drew the Eight of Clubs. Only 14 cards left in the deck!



John E. Bishop



Ray Ropp & Ron Timmerman



Sherry Hawkins

Noting that Sherry had self-confessed what he was going to fine her for, Judge John then punished the many Rotarians who had neglected to fill the choice front-table seats next to two Judges (John and Bruce.) A panoply of **Happy Fines** followed:

- Bill Semlak, heading to Florida for several months to enjoy his "parallel" Club, sometimes shorts
- Andy Copenhaver, glad that poinsettia activity is over, and that he "ordered perfectly;" he thanked everybody who participated
- Connie Gentry, who called our attention to the boots on our tables, to be filled with cash to buy coats and mittens, with special focus on Olympia and Ridgefield (Colfax) schools
- Dayna Brown-Nielsen, so grateful for the support of the whole community in the aftermath of week's Unit 5 bus accident
- Bill Caisley, who assessed the holiday party as "surpassing" last year's success



Bill Semlak



Andy Copenhaver



Connie Gentry



Dayna Brown-Nielsen



Bill Caisley

Program:



Carolyn Hansen

Carolyn Hansen spoke about the States 4-H International Exchange Program. Charter member and current president of the Olympia Kiwanis Club, she is also a lifelong member of 4-H. Hansen went to Japan in 1970 on the 4-H Teen Caravan and lived with two host families during her 10 week stay. Recently, she served as the adult chaperone for a group of 13 teenagers who visited Tokyo and Yokohama.



Hansen compared the country of Japan to the US, noting that the island nation has a much higher population density, far fewer personal vehicles, and a much higher level of demographic homogeneity. Hansen’s slide show included a wealth of pictures, documenting the proliferation of US businesses in Tokyo (McDonald’s, Denny’s, etc.) as well as concepts such as “the 100 Yen Store.” She shared images of LABO students – an English language program that has been sponsored by Kiwanis for multiple generations. There were also many pictures of Tokyo’s extensive preparation for the 2020 Olympics.



President Sherry’s Thought For the Day:

“Life is too short to wake up in the morning with regrets. So, love the people who treat you right, forgive the ones that don’t, and believe everything happens for a reason. If you get a chance, take it. If it changes your life, let it. Nobody said it would be easy, they just promised it would be worth it.”

- Dr. Seuss



The Board has announced the slate of officers for 2019-2020:

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| President Elect. | Fred J. Hahn | Community Service | David Taylor |
| Vice President. | Dianne Schultz | Club Service | Dayna Brown Nielsen |
| Treasurer | Ryan Fleming | Publicity | Larissa McIlvain |
| Secretary | Marcia Dennis | Foundation, Int. | Angie Bubon |

These names need to be announced three times and then will be voted on by the club at a noon meeting. Announcements are planned for Dec. 12th (Spoke), December 19th noon meeting and December 19th (Spoke). Since the December 26th and January 2nd are cancelled due to ISU being closed, the vote should take place at our noon meeting on January 9th ISU in the Circus Room.

Please contact Marcia Dennis at mldenni@ilstu.edu for questions or concerns.

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