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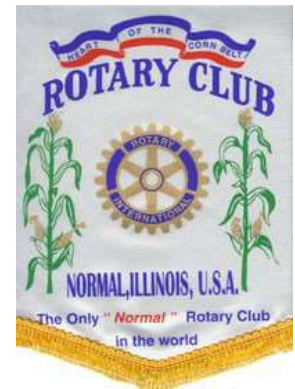
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Wish our Members with December Birthdays a Happy Birthday!

Dayna Brown-Nielsen	2
Andy Copenhaver	4
Lindsey Smith	9
Gene Gudeman	10
Bill Caisley	19
Miranda Johns-Cummings	21
Radha Radhakrishnan	25



Wednesday, December 12, 2018

Greeters: Ryan Fleming & Connie Gentry

Lottery: Alan Chapman & Andy Copenhaver

Wednesday, December 20, 2018

Greeters: Becky Goeckner & Gene Gudeman

Lottery: Rob Cranston & Art Drake

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A somewhat disappointing attendance was the only downside to the Club's annual holiday gathering, again this year at the Hancock Stadium Club. Multiple on-screen Yule Fires greeted Club members and their guests/spouses as they entered.



For the first 50 minutes, we were treated to holiday music by the endearing and talented NCWHS senior Leah Marlene. She shared a bit of "Arrows," her debut EP, as well. (Available on PledgeMusic, with other performances on Spotify and YouTube.)



Sherry Hawkins

President Sherry officially greeted us at about 6:30. She admitted that she had been both previously unaware of Leah Marlene, and suitably impressed by her poise and artistry. Sherry invited us to enjoy the holiday buffet, and warned that we would be enjoying some vigorous competitive trivia immediately following the meal.



A bounteous feast!

Coleen Reynolds, of OSF Healthcare/WGLT/and (formerly) WJBC, was our entertaining MC and “inquisitor” for two rounds of wide-ranging trivia. Subjects included the origin of various holiday songs (Silent Night and Jingle Bells) and edibles (stollen and panetone), as well as a smattering of Rotary history. Seven table teams put their collective knowledge to the test, with the loudest and most fun being The Supremes, captained by your intrepid reporter. Volume and merriment were not sufficient to triumph in the trivia contest, however – the winning team, with 15 out of 20 correct answers, was Winter Wishes, who were rewarded with oversize candy canes. Runner up, with 14 correct answers, was team Scott Claus. The teams bringing up the rear, with only 12 correct answers, were The Drakes and The Magnolia Mushrooms, the latter “awarded” sacks of chocolate coal for their inscrutable moniker and their relative lack of trivial knowledge.



Coleen Reynolds



The Winning Trivia Team – “Winter Wishes”

Bunmi & Bayo Adanri; Mary & Bill Caisley; Ray & Carol Ropp; and Mary & Hank Campbell

Kudos to Dayna Brown-Nielsen, who not only wrote the entertaining trivia questions, but booked some great music, and in general helped coordinate a very enjoyable holiday get-together, free of magical and not-so-magical elements from previous parties. Happy holidays to all, as we reconvene at our normal time and location next Wednesday!



Elleke Mesdag; Iris & Carson Varner



Adam Nielsen & Dayna Brown-Nielsen



Bill Semlak



Gene Jontry, Jan Drake, Diane Jontry & Kathy Alexander



Mary Caisley
& Drake Zimmerman



Kathie & Alan Chapman



Ron & Becky Goeckner, Gene Gudeman & Sandy Bush



Pat Healy, Bruce Bergethon, Linda Healy & Drake Zimmerman



David Taylor



Mary & Bill Caisley and Bruce Bergethon



Bill & Joan Semlak and Sue & Greg Anvick



Bunmi & Bayo Adanri and Ray & Carol Ropp

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