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Wednesday, April 3, 2019

Greeters: Drake Zimmerman & Bayo Adanri

Lottery: Alan Chapman & Andy Copenhaver

Program: Birthday Auction – April Showers Bring May Flowers – Celebrating
February, March and April Birthdays

Wednesday, April 10, 2019

Greeters: Kathy Alexander & Greg Anvick

Lottery: Rob Cranston & Art Drake



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President Sherry Hawkins opened the meeting at 12:05. After we greeted each other, David Taylor gave a thoughtful invocation based on the idea of unity through Rotary principles, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a fine version of “My Country ‘Tis of Thee.”

Visiting Rotarian was Karen Hanson, from the B/N Sunrise Rotary Club. Other guests included Art Drake’s son Mike, visiting from near Madison, WI, and Connie Gentry’s longtime friend Jean Le Blond, from Libertyville, IL.

Student of the Month Kate Humphrey, from U High, reflected on her month with us. She “loved being here,” praised our “organization,” and looked forward to sharing the Four Way Test with the many student organizations in which she’s involved.



Sherry Hawkins



Karen Hanson & Matt Wyss



Art & Mike Drake



Connie Gentry & Jean Le Blond



Kate Humphrey



As expected, President Sherry shared some bad jokes about the weather (it rains money when there's "change in the ...")

Announcements and Club News:

- Remember next Wednesday is our "April Showers Bring May Flowers" Birthday Auction for those members who have birthdays in February, March and April!
- Remember to sign up for the April 20 NRC clean-up of the Tipton Trails portion of the Trail, in conjunction with Ecology Action Center, by following this link: <https://ecologyactioncenter.org/event/earth-day-clean-up-event-constitution-trail-sugar-creek/>
- Remember that our Flapjac Fundraiser at Applebee's has been rescheduled for April 27th. Old tickets are still valid, but let's try to sell some more! New tickets will soon be available!



April 3rd
Birthday Auction - Celebrating
February, March & April Birthdays



April 20th
Clean-up of the Tipton Trails
portion of the Constitution Trail



April 27th
Fundraiser at
Applebee's

- John E. Bishop needs two more hosts for April Students of the Month. Contact John at JEBii.bishop@gmail.com



Marcia Dennis

- Marcia Dennis made her last appearance in conjunction with March Literacy Month. She reported that over 100 books have been donated (her faves this week were "The Grouchy Ladybug" and "Four Feet, Two Sandals") with \$191 in change donated (she's matching that amount.) Good things about reading to a child, she said, include holding the child, visual stimulation, and vocabulary acquisition.

Final numbers: our change added up to \$210.00, which I am matching, so STAR Literacy and Baby Fold will both get checks for \$210.00. We also collected 57 children's books and 55 adult books. - *Marcia Dennis, Literacy Chairwoman*

Bayo Adanri was the **Mystery Host**, awarding the \$2 to Art Runyon for the way in which he manifests this year's Rotary International theme, "Be the Inspiration."

Art Drake won the \$16 **lottery**, but couldn't pocket the Big Pot, drawing only the 4 of Hearts.



Art Runyon & Bayo Adanri



Art Drake

Judge David Taylor presided for the second week in a row. After fining Hank Campbell for neglecting to wear his Rotary pin at an event pictured in The Limited, Judge David turned to happy fines. It took a while to get going, but then we had quite a few:

Happy Fines:

- President Sherry Hawkins, happy about the weather (change?)
- Elleke Mesdag, happy to get her windows washed.
- Dale Strassheim, happy to be back.
- Connie Gentry, happy to have her “best friend” with her.
- Becky Goeckner, happy to share a birthday with David Taylor.
- Drake Zimmerman, happy about the thirty-year commitment of the Club to literacy, and about a malaria-combating grant in The Gambia from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.
- John A. Bishop, pleased to offer a leadership opportunity to any interested Rotarian to follow him and Marcia in planning the next Veteran One on One.
- Carson Varner, presenting a paper with his daughter at Drake House in Chicago.
- Bayo Adanri, also making a presentation in Chicago, with his wife Bunmi.



Elleke Mesdag



Dale Strassheim



Connie Gentry



Becky Goeckner



Drake Zimmerman



John A. Bishop



Carson Varner



Bayo Adanri



Program: President Sherry introduced our speakers from Marcfirst, Ann Taylor (VP of Customized Employment and Grants) and Elaina Von Qualen (Director of Host Home and Intermittent Programs.) Ann is a native of Pontiac, with over a decade’s residence working in Thailand. A former Rotary Exchange student, she is a member of B/N Sunrise, and both her dad and brother have served as presidents of their respective clubs. Elaina is a native of Champaign, an ISU alum, and a fan of the outdoors when not at work.

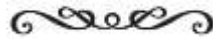


Ann Taylor & Elaina Von Qualen

Ann began by thanking the many of us connected to Marcfirst. It’s a homegrown organization providing services to those with developmental disabilities, founded in 1955 by a group of families whose children had no schooling opportunities. Marcfirst’s mission is to help those with disabilities, and their families, “to reach their full potential.”

Among the many programs provided by Marcfirst are SPICE (Services for Parent Infant Child Education) Pediatric Therapy, for children from birth through age 14; transition services for students (14-22 years of age) moving from school to adult life; and Supported Employment with a wide variety of McLean County businesses. There are also a Developmental Training Program and a Wellness Program (in conjunction with Advocate Bromenn), plus educational and recreational opportunities through ROAM.

Elaina described the multiple housing options Marcfirst offers to people over the age of 18, including intermittent supports, 24-hour home, and apartment or duplex living arrangements. A housing option that Marcfirst is reviving is the Host Home program, designed to encourage independence in a voluntary family environment. As with most of Marcfirst's services, the Host Home concept involves extensive vetting/matching of differently-abled people with potential residential situations.



President Sherry's Thought For the Day:

"Be a nuisance where it counts; do your part to inform and stimulate the public to join your action.

Be depressed, discouraged and disappointed at failure

and the disheartening effects of ignorance, greed, corruption and bad politics.

But never give up."

Marjorie Stoneman Douglas, American journalist



The smiling faces of Matt Wyss, Hank Campbell and Bill Caisley were on hand to greet us as we arrived for this week's lunch/meeting.

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