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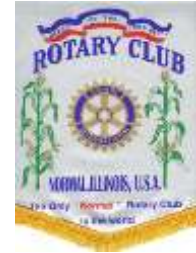
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Wednesday, July 24, 2019 –Normal Public Library– Basement Community Room

****Free Parking in College Ave. Parking Garage with Library Validation****

Greeters: Robert Porter & Matt Riehl

Lottery: Ed Tanton & David Taylor



Wednesday, July 31, 2019 – ISU Alumni Center

Greeters: Bill Rolley & Gordon Ropp

Lottery: Ron Timmerman & Carson Varner

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John E. Bishop

The Normal Rotary Club meeting convened at ISU Alumni Center, located on Main Street, Normal. President, John E. Bishop, called the Normal Rotary Club to order at 12:13 p.m. Bill Rolley gave the reflection followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and then one verse of "America".

Visiting Rotarian: Roger Schmidgall from the B-N Sunset Rotary Club.

Guests: Ray Ropp introduced his better half Carol Ropp. Meagan Maher, the Friends Forever Coordinator was the guest of Linda Healy. Angela Skinner came because she was interested in Rotary. Camryn Restivo is an area high school student who learned about Friends Forever last year. This year she has been involved as a volunteer on the Friends Forever Planning Committee.



Roger Schmidgall



Carol Ropp



Meagan Maher



Angela Skinner



Camryn Restivo

President John shared **This Day in History:**

- 1850 Harvard Observatory takes 1st photograph of a star (Vega)
- 1867 1st US dental school, Harvard School of Dental Medicine, established
- 1918 The Romanov royal family and several of their retainers are executed by a Bolshevik firing squad
- 1974 John Lennon is ordered to leave US in 60 days

Mystery Host: There was no mystery host today.

Judge Larissa McIlvain presided over the judiciary affairs and selected the winning **Lottery** ticket. Bill Rolley won the lottery receiving \$14, one third of the total proceeds from ticket sales. The pot of \$343.00 rolls over to next week.

In the interest of providing more program time, Judge McIlvain assessed no fines. Instead she asked for **Happy Fines**.

- Dick Wagner paid \$16, one dollar for each of the 16 days he and his family spent in Norway. Please see Dick for your travel suggestions if you are planning to visit Norway.
- Allan Chapman announced that total collection exceeded \$145,000 for GFPD fundraiser.



Bill Rolley



Dick Wagner



Alan Chapman



Program: Friends Forever



Linda Healy

Linda Healy introduced the team leaders of Friends Forever: Constantien and Yonathan. The Friends Forever (FF) team consists of 10 young high school students between 15 to 17 years of age.

Two Alumni, Eden from '08 and Yoav from our '17 group are also participating and assisting.



Constantien



Yonathan

The mission of the FF team is to empower youth leaders to connect, strengthen, and serve communities around the globe by combining their passion to make the world a better place with the skills, experiences, and resources required to do so.

This is the seventh year that our club has hosted the FF team. The team is from Israel with Jewish and Arab backgrounds. The goal for these teens is to live together and perform community service so as to promote peace and world understanding.



Eden



Yoav

Our program of inviting Friends Forever teams here is to provide a safe environment for these kids where they can gain mutual understanding and build friendship among themselves. The hope is that this program eventually will bring harmony in the troubled part of the world when they grow up as adults. When they go back to Israel, hopefully they will continue maintaining a harmonious relationship and others, not in this program, may also be influenced.

Teachers Constantien and Yonathan escorted the young people from Israel. It was quite impressive to see how these young people shared their stories with us, shared their background with us and then performed a folk dance with music in the background. The whole team participated in dance. The team also shared what they like to eat in USA – Cheeseburgers were the choice of all except the vegetarians. I remember last years' team was crazy for tacos.

Two of the team members, Layan and Nimrod spoke to the club about their experiences with each other and the team. They drew upon personal experiences that were similar in nature..

All of the team members were asked to come forward to answer questions. They shared about their hobbies; interests like sports, music, movies, cooking etc.; and what they hoped to achieve upon returning home.

A leaflet providing the team members' pictures, interests and favorite quotes is attached.

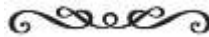


Layan & Nimrod



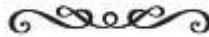
Local Program Support and Planning Team

Camryn Restivo, Hank Campbell, Carol Ropp, Linda Healy, Ray Ropp, Drake Zimmerman & Roger Schmidgall



Today's Thought from John Lennon:

*"Peace is not something you wish for;
It's something you make,
something you do,
something you are,
and something you give away."*



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