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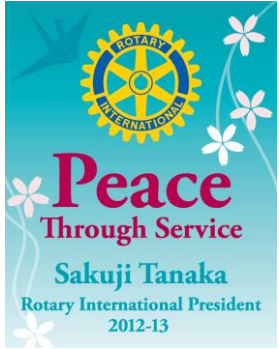
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<p>Wednesday, May 1, 2013 Head Table: Ed Tanton & Ron Timmerman Greeters: Marcia Dennis & Larry Dietz Lottery: Iris Varner & Roger Weller Invocation: Gene Jontry Program: Club Business & Birthday Auction -&- State Superintendent of Schools Chris Koch – State of Education in Illinois</p> <p>Wednesday, May 8, 2013 Head Table: Greeters: Mark Dunlap & Aaron Galloway Lottery: Invocation: ?? Program: Student Scholarship Luncheon Judge: TBA</p>	 <p>Sustaining Members: 23 Club RI Contributions: \$19,850.02</p>	
<p>Reporter: Dayna Brown</p>	<p>Photographer: John E. Bishop</p>	<p>Editor: Jim Carter</p>

President Art Drake called the April 24, 2013, meeting of the Normal Rotary Club to order. After greeting our fellow Rotarians, Ray Ropp gave the reflection. Members introduced Nathalie Kieswetter from U-High, the only April Student of the Month able to attend.



A good sized crowd was in attendance

District Conference Report: President Art shared that if you checked the Facebook page lately, you would see that the Normal Rotary had a lot going on at last week's conference. In addition to receiving the Club of the Year award, we were also recognized for International Service, New Generations, Community Service, Club Service, being a Star Club and we received a presidential citation. That is in addition to the numerous individuals who received awards.

Recognized were:

- Hank Campbell, Alan Chapman and Bayo Adanri received the Governor's Making A Difference Award

- Dick Wagner and Surinder Sethi, who received the Governor's Excellence Award
- Marcia Dennis and Ray Ropp, who were inducted to the District Hall of Honor
- Bob Ward, Art Runyon and Mel Schultz, who were recognized for 50 plus years of service.

Also related to the conference, Alan Chapman thanked his committee and shared that more than \$3,000 was raised with the silent auction.



Nathalie was the only student in attendance



She was radiant in her performance

Announcements:

- May 8 will be the student scholarship luncheon at noon.
- Normal Rotary will sponsor an ice cream social at the McLean County Nursing Home on May 9 from 5:45 to 7 p.m.
- May 17, the five local Rotary Clubs will collect Pennies for Polio at the McDonalds in town. Members will be posted at the drive-up windows. Our locations are Main/Beaufort and North Main Street. A sign-up sheet will circulate.
- There continues to be a need for Spoke writers. If you can't take a month, you can sign up for individual weeks.
- We are looking for volunteers to help with the Oakdale Fun Fair from 5 to 8 p.m. May 3. If there are enough volunteers, the parents will be able to circulate through the activities with their children, instead of having to help. Also related to Oakdale, Reading Night was a huge success and 70 percent of the families attended.
- Bill Semlak is organizing an adopt-a-highway outing on Friday, April 19, at 2:45 p.m. The group will be working with Heartland Rotaractors, and he is still in need of three volunteers.
- Normal Rotary hosted a fundraiser at Rosati's in Normal on Thursday, April 18. We made some money and it was nice to see people outside of the meeting.
- The board is reviewing the dues structure, and an increase is likely to be forthcoming. This is needed because dues have not kept up with costs.
- Still looking for the George Wolf award nominees.

- Linda Healy is starting a foundation in her son's honor to raise awareness of testicular cancer. They are partnering with Beer Nuts for the "Check your Nuts" campaign.



Rob is all smiles as a Greeter



Art looks very serious, but we know better

Several Rotarians were surprised with the **Paul Harris Fellow Award**, to recognize their contributions to Rotary. Those recognized were: Megan Listik, Dayna Brown-Nielsen, Roger Weller, John E. Bishop, Jeremy High and Marci Schneider. Congratulations!

Heather was the mystery host and recognized Alan Chapman for his work with the conference. Prior to the drawing, Carson Varner encouraged "extra swirling" of the tickets, so that Hank Campbell who bought his last didn't have an unfair advantage. He didn't. Jeremy High won the lottery.

Program:

Dayna Brown introduced speaker Crystal Howard -- the director of the Bloomington-Normal Convention and Visitors Bureau. She talked about the important impact tourism has on this community, bringing in more than \$6 million dollars and filling almost 50,000 hotel rooms. After her program, Crystal stayed around to answer questions.



Art closed with a SmArt remark from Edith Sitwell: "If you think you're too small to make an impact, try going to bed with a mosquito."

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

May 8 – Student Scholarship Luncheon

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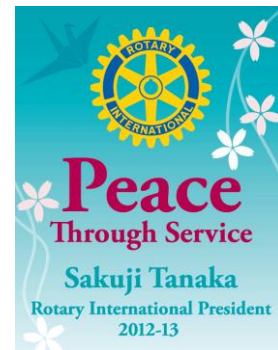
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