



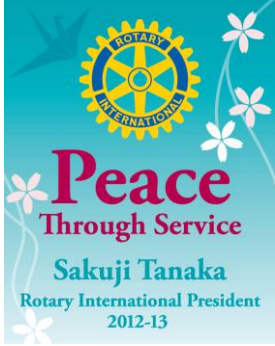
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<p><u>Wednesday, May 8, 2013</u> Head Table: none Greeters: Mark Dunlap & Aaron Galloway Lottery: none Invocation: Alan Chapman Program: Student Scholarship Luncheon Judge: TBA if we have one</p> <p><u>Wednesday, May 15, 2013</u> Head Table: ? Greeters: ? Lottery: ? Invocation: Hank Campbell Program: ?</p>		 <p>Sustaining Members: 23 Club RI Contributions: \$19,850.02</p>
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President Art Drake called the May 1 meeting of the Normal Rotary Club to order. Gene Jontry gave the reflection. We have no more students this spring and we had no visiting Rotarians. But, we did have most interesting potato fries in a variety of colors.

Our speaker was Dr. Chris Koch, the Illinois Superintendent of Schools. So, Dayna brought three persons from the Unit 5 Community. As shown in the photo below we see Nate Cunningham, Todd Ferguson, and Meta Mickens-Baker.



Nate, Todd and Meta of Unit 5 fame



Heather Dennis and auction items

The front table was resplendent with speakers and items to be auctioned off later. Two vases of flowers set the standard for the auction items. Heather Dennis in her yellow frock makes a nice complement to the auction items.

Dr. Alan Chapman was at the front table to introduce Dr. Chris Koch, a person he has known for some time. President Art looks quite good in the photo this week.



Dr. Chris Koch, Illinois
Superintendent of Schools



Art Drake
Normal Rotary President

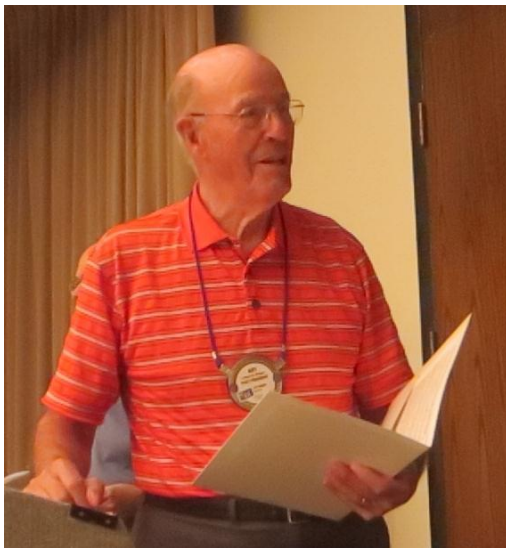


Alagiri Santhalingam
District Web Page Editor

Surinder as a future District Governor recruited Alagiri Santhalingam to help edit the District 6490 web pages. We hope to see Alagiri in the future as we try to educate him about the nature of Rotary. He is not a Rotarian but that can be rectified.

New Member Andrew Kouba

We again had the pleasure of inducting a new member into our midst. Todd Anderson has served as his host and Art Runyon stepped forward to conduct the ceremony. Andrew looked very happy with his new badge in place. Now he must learn to wear that pin at all times like all of us do.



Art -- 50 plus years as a Rotarian



Newest Rotarian Andrew with Todd

Announcements and Activities

Bill Semlak gave thanks to Gene Jontry and Mark Comadena who helped the Heartland Rotaract students clean our section of the Yuton Highway recently.

Dale was the Mystery Host and gave the \$2 to Larry Dietz, who is in pursuit of the Presidency of ISU.

Marcia was our Judge and pulled a ticket belonging to Alagiri. That is a good way to learn about our Club.

Gordy had six Rotarians stand and we sang happy birthday to them. He then auctioned off the posies and vino and some candles. There was also an XL tee shirt with IOWA on it.

I had to take a photo of Michelle and Meghan because both have helped me at times, Michelle noted I goofed in an email earlier in the week, and they were smiling.



Michelle and Meghan



Andy Kaufman, guest of Dale

Dale brought Andy Kaufman because he thought this local businessman needed to be introduced to the Normal Rotary Club. Good idea. I hope he liked what he saw.

We then heard from Dr. Koch about the public schools of Illinois. Not surprisingly, it was not an entirely positive report. But, there were positive moments. A number of members asked questions and got good answers.

The SmArT Remark from Woody Allen: "Life is full of misery, loneliness and suffering – and it is all over much too soon."

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

There will be programs but I do not know what they will be as of this writing.

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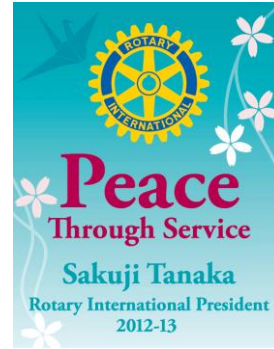
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