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This week we had a very special program. We had 26 visiting teachers from Brazil. They filled the room with conversation, and enlightenment. Visiting Rotarians Noeli and Paul Anderson were with us, because Noeli is from Brazil. Noeli welcomed our guests with a beautiful speech in Portuguese. It's Fair Week in Central Illinois and Ray Ropp brought the reigning 4H King and Queen as his guests and they sat at the head table. Thank you Allison and Tyler for joining us. Betsy Drillon the coordinator of the program for the visiting teachers from Brazil was also in attendance.



Noeli Anderson, Brazilian teacher, Betsy Drillon, Paul Anderson & Brazilian teacher



Flag of Brazil



Ray Ropp & 2012 McLean County 4-H Queen Allison & King Tyler

Announcements:

The Rotary Leadership Institute will be held on Saturday, August 17th starting at 8:30am at Richland Community College in Decatur. We are getting close to this event, so if you are interested you need to sign up soon. There will be several from NRC attending this daylong training; Mark Comadena, Andy Copenhaver, and possibly Jeremy High along with Dale Strassheim. President Strassheim encourages officers and board members and anyone interested in learning more about Rotary Leadership to attend. Register at www.hoa-rli.org .

Tickets are still available for the Cubs/Cards game on Sunday, August 11th at Busch Stadium. This is an opportunity to raise funds for our club and our literacy program. See Marcia Dennis if you want to purchase tickets.

Remember the changes in our meeting location for August due to ISU remodeling the Circus Room for handicapped accessibility. **August 7** we are in the **Old Main** room.

August 14 we are in the **Prairie Room** on the 2nd floor. Watch the SPOKE closely to make sure where to go after August 14th, as we don't know yet!

This Friday was the Sunrise Rotary Brats and Bags event. We hope it was a huge success!

Art Drake announced the need for SPOKE writers for the month of August and November. Sign up with Art or he will assign one of us.

Hank Campbell, on behalf of Bill Semlak, will be hosting Adopt-a-Highway on Sunday, August 18th. Sign-up sheets will be passed around at meetings or see Bill or Hank. The young men and women of the Friends Forever program will join us.

Connie Gentry is organizing a toiletries drive for the Home Sweet Home mission. She will be collecting soaps, shampoos, and travel sized toiletries August 7 and August 14. Please bring your donations to the meetings. Marcia Dennis will be collecting donations on behalf of Connie at the August 14th meeting. See Connie if you have any questions.

Rotary Fun:

Mystery Host Mark Comadena recognized Ralph Dude for his many years of service as Club Secretary. Thank you Ralph for all of your hard work!

Judge Bruce Bergethon did not have many fines today. He let our guest; the reigning 4H Queen pick the winning lottery ticket. The winner was Mark Jontry, who generously put the \$20 back in the kukla.



Mark Comadena & Ralph Dude



Judge Bruce Bergethon

Dick Wagner, who was loaned a dollar by John Meek to help him pay for parking, gave a happy fine for John's generosity. Mark Comadena matched Bruce Bergethon's \$2, because the Pittsburgh Pirates are currently in first place. Meghan Listek gave \$2 for her daughter Harper's 2nd birthday. Nancy Brokaw gave a happy fine for the 4H Queen, Allison. Allison and her parents have been active members in the annual Christmas Spectacular. Finally, Jeremy High gave \$6.10 for the birth of his first child; a baby girl, Adele, who came in at 6 pounds, 10 ounces. Congratulations Jeremy and Alicia!!

Today's program:

Today Matt Riehle organized the visit of 26 teachers from Brazil. The teachers program at ISU is sponsored by the Institute of International Education. Betsy Drillon introduced two of them who had volunteered to speak. They came up to the podium to talk about their experiences while in the US. Josiany Furlan de Oliveira said she is home sick, but is having a great time in the states, and has learned a lot. Viviane Delbianco Motta Gorski said she is happy to be here. She said here we are students, and with the education we are getting here we can make a difference in our country. She said she will never forget the experience, and is happy to have the time to practice and improve her English.

The microphone was then passed around to hear comments from other teachers. Rotarians asked some questions as well. We found out that they think American food is too peppery, which some of us were quite surprised by. However, they said they do like strawberries, ice cream, doughnuts and pizza! Dr. Larry Dietz told us that ISU is working on expanding their international reach and the visiting teachers program is one way we are reaching out to the rest of the world. Hopefully, we will be able to visit with more teachers in the future.

Thank you to Matt Riehle for organizing this special and educational visit.



Next week is the birthday auction for August birthdays. Bring a gift to auction off if your birthday is in August.

President Strassheim will be out of town on business next week so President Elect, Mark Comadena, will be running next week's meeting.

Thought for the Day from Lily Tomlin, *"I always wondered why somebody didn't do something about that. Then I realized I was somebody."*



Lindsey from ISU Food Service was quick to set up additional tables.



We had a full house at this week's meeting in Old Main.



Reporter Heather Dennis & Gene Gudeman



Ryan Fleming & Dale Strassheim



Proud Papa Jeremy High



Queen Allison & Nancy Brokaw

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

August 7 - Club Business & Birthday Auction – John Burrill, "On the Cutting Edge"

August 14 - Friends Forever team

August 21 – A Building of Hope: Marci Schneider, Director of Development and Roger Hunt, Interim Executive Director of the Community Cancer Center

August 28 – Rob Cranston & returning Rotary Youth Exchange Students: Nina Sultan – Japan; Erin Sheridan – Austria; & Tyler Henson – Argentina

September 4 – Club Business & Birthday Auction

September 11-

September 18-

September 25 -

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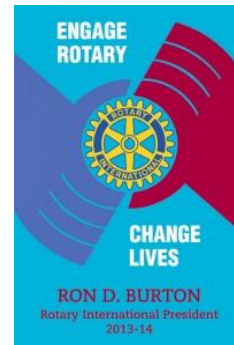
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