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Wednesday, September 20, 2017

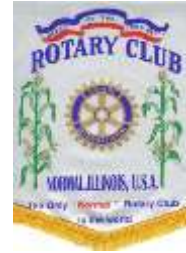
Greeters: Bayo Adanri & Todd Anderson

Lottery: Bill Rolley & Gordon Ropp

Wednesday, September 27, 2017

Greeters: Greg Anvick & Bruce Bergethon

Lottery: Ray Ropp & Jim Rosenlund



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President Hank Campbell convened the September 13, 2017 meeting of the Normal Rotary Club. Gene Jontry presented the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Ron Timmerman led us in the singing of "My Country Tis of Thee".

Hank urged Rotary members to remember Rotarians Don Rutledge and Connie Gentry as they cope with health issues.

Visiting Rotarians: District Governor Larry Howell from Arcola, Assistant District Governor Neal Shah from B/N Sunset.

Guests: Narinder Sethi, guest of Surinder.



Narinder Sethi

September Students of the Month:

- John E. Bishop introduced Halley Kirshenbaum of Normal Community High School. She is historian for the school's student council, and she enjoys sewing. She is president of her youth group.
- Becky Goeckner introduced Gavin Legett of Bloomington Area Career Center. He is active with McLean County Youth Hockey and is on the Danvers Fire Department Cadet program. He also is an Explorer with the El Paso Fire Department.
- Linda Healey introduced Rohan Kamatar from U High. He is active in cross country, track and the math team.
- John E. Bishop introduced Tyler Dunn from Normal West. He is active in track, cross country, STEM Club and Key Club.



Halley Kirshenbaum



Gavin Legett



Rohan Kamatar



Tyler Dunn



Past District Governor Gordon Bidner made a special presentation, recognizing DG Larry's joining of the Paul Harris Bequest Society Level 2. Larry said he included The Rotary Foundation in his estate planning because it's the right thing to do, and it's one way Rotarians help other people, even after they're gone.



DG Larry Howell, Hank Campbell, Gordon Bidner & Drake Zimmerman

Announcements:

- Bill Semlak will hold Adopt A Highway at 9 a.m. Saturday. It takes an hour, and you walk a mile to pick up trash. Pretty simple.
- Scott Ice is looking for service ideas for students at his school.
- Hank and other Normal Rotary members attended the Joint District Institute in Springfield. They got a chance to meet past RI presidents and share ideas with other Rotarians in District 6490 and District 6460. Next year's conference will be held in the fall in Bloomington and other districts are expected to participate.
- You can donate to relief for victims of Hurricane Harvey by sending a check to:
Rotary District Foundation
Hurricane Relief
Rotary District 6200
2266 College Road Ext., Suite C
Lafayette, LA 70508.
- Dick Wagner is waiting to hear from his Rotary connections in Florida about relief efforts there. He expects that in the next year or two we will have an opportunity to go to a hurricane site to help with recovery.
- The first meeting of the Oakdale Promise Council will be held next Tuesday at 4 p.m. at Oakdale Elementary School. Normal Rotary has been active in helping Oakdale faculty and staff succeed with kids. If you want to join the Promise Council, contact President Hank Campbell.
- Mark your calendar: The October 11 meeting of Normal Rotary will be held off site, at the Children's Discovery Museum.
- Hank reports that our friend and former Normal Rotarian Jim Carter is getting ready to join a Rotary near Richmond, Va. He is sending a \$100 donation to the Normal Rotary Foundation and a Paul Harris Society donation of \$1,000 in the name of Normal Rotary.
- Hank mentioned the upcoming poinsettia sales. Payments will be made to the Normal Rotary Foundation. It's been suggested that we sell plant bulbs in addition to the potted plants. A final decision will come later.
- There remains an opportunity to help a Rotaract Club in partnership with Sunset Rotary.
- Octoberfest will be September 23 in Uptown Normal. We need sponsors and volunteers.
- 4-H Meal packaging project for hunger awareness in McLean, Livingston and Woodford County will be held September 30, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Interstate Center. Also, they need to raise \$2,200 for transportation expenses, and they are asking for \$1,650 from the district's Rotary Clubs. Hank will recommend a donation from the Normal Rotary Foundation.
- Don't forget the One on One Veterans recognition event November 9. Invite a veteran.



Linda Healy & Narinder Sethi

Mystery Host: Linda Healy presented the coveted \$2 bill to Nurinder Sethi, former District First Lady.

Lottery: Bill Caisley won the \$28 pot for the day but failed to draw the Ace of Spades. The big pot is \$619, and it will get bigger.

Judge: John E. Bishop got money from Bill Semlak, Linda Healy and himself.



Neal Shah

Guest Speaker:

District Governor Larry Howell was introduced by Assistant Governor Neal Shah. Larry is retired from construction engineering, a career that took him around the world. His hobbies include monarch butterflies, old cars and gardening.

Larry joined Arcola Rotary in 2010. He enjoyed his experiences with the Rotary Leadership Institute and as chair of the District Grants Committee. On that committee, he had fun seeing what the clubs are achieving throughout the district.



Larry Howell

Larry made a pitch and collected money to help Rotary achieve its goal of ridding the world of polio. As a child of the 1940s, Larry remembers his mother tightly restricting his activities in the summer because she was afraid of polio. When polio vaccine was introduced in the 1950s, Larry was allowed to go out and play and be a kid and his mother could worry less.

Larry has collected \$7,000 so far from District 6490 Rotary Clubs. He was moved when Hank Campbell donated \$1,000 for that effort. Larry is convinced that polio will be eradicated in his lifetime.



Hank's Thought for the Day from Maya Angelou: *"If you are always trying to be normal, you will never know how amazing you can be."*



BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL SUNRISE ROTARY PRESENTS:

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15TH, 2017

CHECK-IN: 11:30AM - 12:30PM

START TIME FOR 5K RUN & 1-MILE WALK: 1:00 PM

1750 GE Road, Bloomington

(North side of GE Road between Veterans Parkway & Hershey Street)

Early Packet Pick-up will be available

Saturday, October 14th: 4pm- 6pm at Fleet Feet Sports
(105 Krispy Kreme Drive, #5; Bloomington)

HOW TO REGISTER:

- > **By Mail:** (fill out back of this card)
- > **Online:**
<https://signup.itsracetime.com/Race/IL/Bloomington/OktoberfestRotaryRun>
- > **At Fleet Feet Sports:** during early packet pick-up
- > **in person:** the day of the event (11:30am - 12:30pm)

POST-RACE OKTOBERFEST CELEBRATION:

Join us after the 5k Run for food and festive music.
Runners & walkers admitted free; \$10 donation for non-racers.
*Beer is available for adults 21 years of age and older.



5K Run/1 Mile Walk

FOR MORE INFO: Contact Tom Herr:
(309) 533-1979 or trsherr@gmail.com

COST/DEADLINES:

- > **\$25:** entries received by Sept. 28th
- > **\$30:** entries received after Sept. 29th

All participants registered by 9/29/17
will receive an official Oktoberfest Run T-Shirt.
(NO SHIRT GUARANTEE AFTER 9/29/17)

Keep Up to Date on Run Details:
facebook.com/bnsunriserotaryrun



REGISTRATION FORM (One form per participant, please.)

Are you: **Running** **Walking (circle one)**

Name: _____ Male Female (circle one)

Are you a Rotarian? Yes No Club Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Date of Birth: mm / dd / yyy Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

T-Shirt Size: S M L XL XXL (add \$3)

Entry Fee: \$ _____

Additional Donation to Rotary: \$ _____

Total Contribution: \$ _____

Make checks payable to: **B-N Sunrise Rotary**

Mail payment, registration & consent to:

B-N Sunrise Rotary
c/o Tom Herr
2805 Capen Drive
Bloomington, IL 61704

Don't forget to sign the waiver!

5K Run/1 Mile Walk



In consideration of this entry being accepted, I, for myself, my executors, administrators and assignees, do hereby release and discharge B-N Sunrise Rotary, City of Bloomington, Bloomington Police Benevolence Association, General Electric Corporation, and any sponsors and supporters of this run, including all directors, shareholders, officers, employees and volunteers, from all claims and damages, demands, actions, whatsoever in any manner arising out of or in connection with my participation in this event. I acknowledge the risk involved in this event and I attest that I am in good health and physically fit to participate in this event.

Signature:
Date:
(Parent/guardian if participant is under 18 years old)

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