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Wednesday, September 18, 2013

GOLF OUTING; NO NOON MEETING

Wednesday, September 25, 2013

Head Table: Elleke Mesdag and John Morris

Greeters: Drake Zimmerman and Bayo Adanri

Lottery: Vandana Naik and Ron Pacha

Program: Matt Drat, Home Sweet Home



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President Dale Strassheim convened the September 11, 2013 meeting of the Normal Rotary Club in the Bone Student Center. The invocation was delivered by Nancy Brokaw, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by President Dale Strassheim. Mark Sherman led the singing of one verse of "America."

Visiting Rotarians: Tom Herr from the Bloomington-Normal Sunrise Rotary Club and Lynn Hruska from the Bloomington Rotary Club.

Guests: We had two Illinois State University Rotaract Club members visiting our club, Matt Bedell and Sarah Genin. Chris Kinate, an American Family Insurance agent, was visiting our club as a prospective new member. Also in attendance were Students of the Month for September: Michael Novacek from Normal Community High School, Megan Helm from University High School, Emily Garrison from the Bloomington Area Career Center and Lauren Bartel from Normal Community West High School. Our in-bound exchange student from Brazil, Gabriel Castro, also visited.



Sarah Genin and Matt Bedell from ISU Rotaract



Marcia Dennis and Lauren Bartel



Todd Anderson and
Michael Novacek



Chris Kinate



Megan Helm

The lottery was won by Clinton Brown, our guest speaker. The Mystery Host was Marci Schneider who bestowed the \$2 bill upon Art Drake. Judge Bruce Bergethon had a busy day in court commencing with a fine levied upon himself and Rob Cranston for a radio interview which he conducted with Mary Cranston, Rob's spouse, on the news magazine of WGLT. Several happy fines were levied: Heather Beal was fined for the romantic news announcing her engagement to be married soon. Hank Campbell was fined for news of the completion of a Habitat for Humanity house. Bill Sendlak enjoyed an extensive excursion in the American West. Drake Zimmerman was very pleased to have delivered a well-received speech *in Spanish* in Guadalajara. And Art Drake paid a fine for suggesting that the club sing the theme song from the Flintstones instead of "America" because the judge fined us for our poor performance a couple of weeks ago.



Nancy Steele Brokaw presented a thoughtful reflection on the anniversary of the 9/11 attacks.



Clinton Brown's moving presentation took us back to Sept. 11, 2001 and the anxious days that followed.

The Program

The program was presented by Clinton Brown of Towanda who spoke about the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. On that day 12 years ago, four separate acts of air piracy were carried out by terrorists, who boarded aircraft as passengers and, once in the air, took control of the airliners. Flight 11 from Boston was the first plane hijacked. The terrorists flew it directly into the North Tower of the World Trade Center in New York City. All on board the airliner perished.

A second airliner was deliberately flown into the South Tower of the World Trade Center. The fires were so high up that it was not possible to fight the fires. Then the steel columns of the buildings melted and the structures collapsed.

Twenty thousand airline passengers, firemen, policemen, employees who worked in the buildings and people on the ground perished. The fires burned for 99 days before they were extinguished. The bodies of hundreds of victims were never recovered.

The third airliner, Flight 77, was hijacked later that morning and terrorists flew it into the Pentagon. Many innocent people perished in that collision also.

The fourth airliner, Flight 93 was the last airliner hijacked. Passengers on that flight, having learned of the three earlier hijackings, attacked the terrorists and foiled the hijack attempt. But the plane crashed in a field in Pennsylvania, killing all on board.

The Federal Aeronautics Administration grounded all flights in the United States that day and for several more days.

Our speaker described four stages of reaction to the attacks.

Shock. It was the worst attack on Americans on American soil in history. The impact upon business and upon families and friends of the persons killed was incredible. 3,051 children lost a parent that day. Cantor Fitzgerald, a tenant in the World Trade Center lost more than half of its employees.

Prayer. Americans across the land prayed, and members of Congress all stood together as one body upon the Capitol steps and sang Irving Berlin's musical prayer *God Bless America*.

Service. Firefighters from all over the country went to New York City to help extinguish the flames and search for survivors amidst the rubble. Americans contributed \$3 billion to the American Red Cross for disaster relief. Fourteen thousand units of blood were contributed to the Red Cross for disaster relief.

Rebuild. The Pentagon has been repaired and rebuilt. The New York Subway has been rebuilt, and a memorial has been constructed and new buildings have risen upon the site of the destruction.

Miscellaneous

The Normal Rotary Club golf outing will be held at Hazy Hills on September 18. See Andy Copenhaver to sign up for golf and dinner or only dinner. Guests are welcome.

Bill Semlak announced that the Adopt-a-Highway program on Yuton Road is scheduled at 10 a.m. September 21. Volunteers are needed.

The Illinois State University Rotaract Club will collect canned goods to be donated to Clare House for distribution to poor people.

The Sunrise Rotary Club is sponsoring an Octoberfest. Contact Tom Herr or any other Sunrise Rotarian.

125 Normal Community High School students came to the organizational meeting of a new Interact Club there.

Thought for the Day, from Rudolph Giuliani, former Mayor of New York City: *"The attacks of September 11th were intended to break our spirit. Instead we have emerged stronger and more unified. We feel renewed devotion to the principles of political, economic, and religious freedom, the rule of law and respect for human life. We are more determined than ever to live our lives in freedom."*

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

September 18 - Golf outing, no meeting

September 25 –Matt Drat, Home Sweet Home Development and Community Relations Manager.

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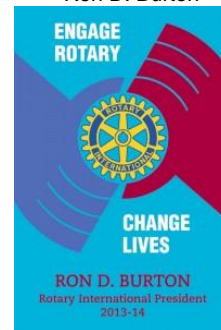
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