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Wednesday, November 2, 2016

Head Table: Iris Varner & Dick Wagner
Greeters: Stephanie McClellan & Elleke Mesdag
Lottery: Art Drake & Ryan Fleming
Program: ISU Basketball Coach Dan Muller

November Birthdays– Please bring a gift for the Birthday Auction – Nov. 9th

George Houska	7
Vandana Naik	9
Gordon Bidner	28
Rod Weigelman	29



Wednesday, November 9, 2016

Head Table: Rod Weigelmann & Roger Weller
Greeters: Vandana Naik & Mike Petrini
Lottery: Angie Fulton & Connie Gentry
Club Business & Birthday Auction

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Jim Rosenlund

President Jim Rosenlund rang the bell at 12:05 and reminded the club that our motto is Rotary Serving Humanity to start the meeting. We took a few minutes to say hello to all of our friends and guests.

Guests today: Ray Ropp introduced two guests-Shashi Sharma a former Rotarian who has recently moved to Normal and Ranjana Khant a Rotarian from India who will be a District Governor in 2018-2019. They were checking out our club. Jim Carter introduced ISU Freshman Febin Chirayath. He is a freshman political science major who was very involved in Interact in high school. Finally, Assistant District Governor and BN Sunset club member Neal Shah was at the meeting as well. **October Students of the Month** were at the head table, but we'd hear from them later in the meeting.



Ray Ropp, Shashi Sharma, Ranjana Khant & Gordon Bidner



Febin Chirayath & Jim Carter



AG Neal Shah

Announcements:

- Andy Copenhaver discussed the poinsettia sales again and urged everyone to start (or keep) selling. The plants are \$10 for a small plant; \$20 for a large. Please consider asking if anyone you know or do business with would like to buy a plant and support all the NRC does for the community. Orders are due by the "Thanksgiving Day" Rotary meeting. PLEASE turn in your sales as you get them, not all at the last meeting. This really helps Andy input them in a steadier manner. Thanks! Mark your calendars; delivery will be on Friday, Dec. 2 and pick up will be Saturday, Dec. 3.



Andy Copenhaver

Save the date

Veterans Day - Nov. 11, 2016

ISU Ballroom

Bloomington-Normal Rotary Presents

Veterans

One on One Program

Speaker

Major Gen. Paul R. Lister - U.S. Army retired

- Andy also announced the Veteran's Day One on One event where a Rotarian invites a Veteran to dinner. Tickets are \$25 each and see Marcia Dennis for payment. This is an outstanding event that gets better every year so if you're interested in attending and don't know a Vet, we have you covered. Matt Riehle at Westminster says there are lots of Vets interested in going and they just need you to be able to attend. Please consider a night out with a Vet.

- Bill Semlak announced our last Adopt A Highway for the year on Nov. 5. Please come walk a mile and pick up after the trick or treaters.
- Stephanie McClellan announced NRC is part of Amazon Smile. If you buy on Amazon at all, consider doing it through Amazon Smile and NRC will get a % of your purchase. This is the link that will take you directly to our Smile Amazon page: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/37-1262194>
- Art Drake announced and reminded we have virtually the same program at Schnuck's. So if you shop there, ask the attendant about donating to our club.



Bill Semlak



Stephanie McClellan



Art Drake

President Jim thanked us all for the announcements and then had one of his own in which he wanted to update the club that we are in a friendly competition with the BN Sunrise club over who is the best club in town. As the 2015-16 District 6490 Club of the Year. So Jim is sticking up for us, but we have to keep doing the good work we already do, to stay on top. Also in this political year, where no one seems to fully favor either candidate, Jim unveiled a new ticket (and t-shirt)...the Ropp/Chambers ticket! So if you need a write in candidate when you go to the polls, there you go.



John E. Bishop

Jim then asked Judge John E. Bishop to preside. He asked for a Mystery Host and Carson Varner was it. He awarded the \$2 to Judge Caisley for his outfit today – especially his shoes with the Cubs® logo on them. Then we drew for the Lottery and Alan Chapman won the \$15 small pot. But he did NOT pick the Ace of Spades, so the pot will grow to over \$400 next week. By the way, there are only 36 cards left in the deck, so your odds are getting better. So please play.



Carson Varner



Jim Rosenlund, Charlie Cutting,
& Alan Chapman

Happy Fines:

- Connie Gentry was happy about Coats for Kids because BN Sunrise is now partnering with us and also Ridgeview schools.
- Carson Varner was happy about solar cells being installed on their home and also his daughter's home.
- Radha Radhakrishnan gave \$3 because he 1) sold \$900 worth of poinsettias (*Awesome!*); 2) Last month he visited three countries: Germany, Austria, & Switzerland; and 3) A donor donated \$100 to the Normal Rotary Foundation for the Coats for Kids project.

- Neal Shah gave a Happy Dollar for just being at the Normal Rotary Club and thanked us for all we do.
- Hank Campbell gave a dollar because he and Mary installed solar cells on their home.
- Becky Goeckner was happy about the Art Walk hosted by the Artists Around the Corner group in downtown Bloomington from 3 to 9 pm on Nov. 4 (her son-in-law is one of the featured artists).
- Marcia Dennis gave an UNhappy dollar because there no desserts left. (Ryan Fleming then gave her his dessert – *What a nice guy!*).

Then Jim introduced our **October Students of the Month**. Charlie Cutting from U-High went first. He thanked the club for lunch and also for interesting conversations and for what we do for the community. Ben Zinn from NCHS wanted to say thanks and before this month, he didn't know about Rotary. So thanks for exposing him to all we do. Hannah Trask from Normal West also didn't know about Rotary but is glad "she had her eyes opened to how we help in the community." Finally, Daniel Sorenson from BHS & BACC thanked the club for his experience and that he knows after he graduates he has a place to do service and volunteer. Best of luck to you all.



Charlie Cutting & Hannah Trask

Daniel Sorenson & Ben Zinn



Kelli Evans

Program: Our speaker was Kelli Evans from the American Cancer Society Based in Peoria, she informed the club she was also a Rotarian. She has been with ACS for 15 years and she engages people, finds out their story and how they want to beat cancer, then helps them do that. Some stats: 1 in 2 men will get some form of cancer in their lifetimes. 1 in 3 women will get cancer in their ACS relies on volunteers to help them accomplish their mission. First order of business is to PREVENT cancer by making good choices in eating, smoking applying sunscreen...the things we CAN control. 2-COPING with cancer Support services and help is available to those that both have cancer and those that are the loved ones of those affected. Finally, the third objective is to help people THRIVE with cancer. New medicines and treatments have given those diagnosed with or affected by cancer, a new outlook on living a productive and longer life. Go to www.cancer.org to learn more.

Jim thanked Kelli for speaking to us and gave her the second to last, also known as the penultimate cookbook, for her to have as a parting gift. Jim thanked all the guests in attendance again and encouraged us all to attend next week's meeting. ISU Basketball coach Dan Muller will be the speaker. Redbird fans won't want to miss it.

Jim's Thought for the Day had to have been a few years old, but funny nonetheless: it comes from Conan O'Brien - *"This Halloween the most popular mask is the Arnold Schwarzenegger mask. And the best part? With a mouth full of candy you'll sound just like him."*



Ron Pacha
Member Profile
by Bayo Adanri

Tell us about yourself: I was born on my parents' farm in Iowa –delivered by my maternal grandmother. I attended 8 different schools through 8th grade – two were one room school houses. I have many stories I could share; but one of my favorites is: I graduated number one in my eighth grade class. (I was the only eighth grader in this one room school house.)

I graduated high school in 1958 and then went to the University of Iowa. My first job was with HyVee in Iowa City. My first "real" job in the financial industry started in 1961. I then retired after 35 years from Busey Bank. Jan & I have been married 55 years. We have 3 children, 6 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

Outside of Rotary and my career, I served as a Normal Township Trustee for 18 years and helped found the Senior Center. I served 15+ years on the Normal Zoning Board of Appeals and I was President of the Normal Chamber of Commerce.

Your Rotary Story: I have been a Rotarian for 29 years serving as President, AG and on the Normal Rotary Foundation Board since its inception. I was chosen for the Hall of Honor and am a Paul Harris Fellow plus one stone.

What are your Rotary moments? Two of my many highlights in Rotary were: serving as club President and participating in a Rotary Friendship Exchange to Canterbury, England. We spent 2 wonderful weeks there and then reciprocated by hosting our guests here for 2 weeks.



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