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May Birthdays – Please bring a gift for the Birthday Auction

Roger Weller	2
Rob Glover	3
Nancy Brokaw	8
Carson Varner	18
Larry Dietz	19
Steve Dobski	21
Iris Varner	21
John A. Bishop	26



Wednesday, May 2, 2018

Meet at ISU Bone Student Center

Greeters: Rob Cranston & Steve Dobski

Lottery: Dick Wagner & Rod Wiegelmann

Invocation: Gordon Ropp

Program: Club Business & Birthday Auction

Wednesday, May 9, 2018

Meet at ISU Bone Student Center

Student Scholarship Luncheon

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Hank Campbell

President Hank Campbell opened the meeting at 12:10. Gene Jontry provided the invocation and then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and a rousing version of “My Country ‘Tis of Thee.”

Hank teasingly introduced Ron Springer as a “visiting Rotarian.” Ron explained that he has been a snowbird, with sojourns in Arizona and Florida, but also frequently has to miss the noon meetings because he’s doing service work at the food bank. We had no external guests.



Katie Froelich

Our two April Students of the Month made their end-of-the-month comments about their time with us. Katie Froelich from NCHS thanked us for being “so welcoming,” and she appreciated our focus on service above self. Xian Graden of BACC/Olympia High School admitted he had no idea about Rotary beforehand, but called us “so nice” and “super cool,” and spoke at greater length about his involvement with HOOAH (Healing Outside of a Hospital), which has provided hunting and fishing experiences for over 500 veterans.



Xian Graden



Katie Froelich & Becky Goeckner

Mystery Host: Becky Goeckner noted the diversity of reasons people give for awarding the \$2 bill. She gave it to her student guest Katie, noting that she “had probably never seen” such a denomination. That’s two weeks in a row that students have left with \$2.

Lottery: Another relatively small pot, \$11, was won by Alan Chapman. He failed to duplicate his luck with the Big Pot, drawing the 10 of Spades. Judge Linda Healy exhorted us to buy more tickets next week.



Alan Chapman



Linda Healy

Judge: Linda Healy threatened future fines for the press attention attracted by Nancy Steele Brokaw (nominated for a YWCA Woman of Distinction) since she was not in attendance. She fined Jason Chambers (a candidate for judge) and Paul Enchelmayer for being in the Pantagraph. Paul’s appearance was in an article about people recovering from stroke. Paul said that his stroke occurred 5 years ago. He assured us that his recovery has been successful.

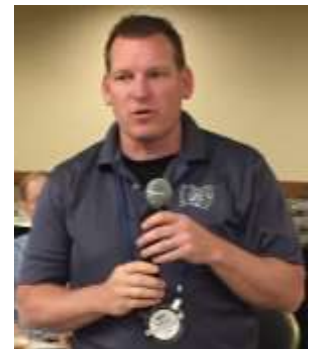
Happy Fines:

- Drake Zimmerman, happily reporting on this “Malaria Day,” about progress of international Rotarian efforts to reduce malaria;
- Stephanie McClellan, whose daughter had pitched a no-hitter in softball;



Surinder Sethi & Hank Campbell

- Surinder Sethi, happy to be back after two months in India and Nepal. He had a Club Banner and a clock he received. The clock will be auctioned next week;
- Scott Ice put in a hefty self-assessment so as to promote both Calvary Christian’s production of “The Music Man,” and their golf outing;
- Sherry Hawkins, described a wild weekend trying to keep up with her daughter and friends at the University of Illinois (and related watering holes.),



Scott Ice

Announcements:

- In an unrelated announcement, Sherry Hawkins asked for someone to take the lead in sponsorship solicitation for the Town of Normal’s September Oktoberfest. She noted that last year Dale Strassheim and Alan Chapman were on the committee and did a great job. Since she will be President this year she didn’t think that she could lead that committee. The event is a significant fundraiser for the NRC, and sponsorship has a lot of potential to increase that fundraising impact.



Sherry Hawkins



Announcements Continued:



- Matt Riehle talked about the Ice Cream Social at the McLean County Nursing Home. It will be Tuesday, May 15th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM; he will circulate a signup sheet next week.



Matt Riehle

- Tickets are still available for the Rotary excursion to see the Cubs play the Cardinals in St. Louis on Sunday, June 17th.
- Cajun Craze (a Daybreak Rotary fundraising event) is May 5th at 5:00 PM at the Corn Crib.
- Rotary Scholarship Luncheon will be May 9th at noon.
- Rural-Urban Night at the Ropp family farm, June 13th at 6:00. No noon meeting that day.
- Friends Forever delegation, are tentatively arriving July 5th. They will be housed in the international house at IWU, Kemp Hall.



Emelia Suess

Program: President Hank introduced Emelia Suess, Regional Coordinator of the Peace Meal Senior Nutrition Program. The region includes 14 counties in all, with the bulk of activity in McLean, Dewitt, Livingston and Piatt. Emilia is a native of Cooksville, and an alum of ISU's Food and Nutrition Services degree program. She has been with Peace Meal for three years.

Emilia described Peace Meals' services as available to anyone over the age of 60. They serve what they call "congregate" lunches at locations like the ARC, Woodhill Towers, Lincoln Towers, Phoenix Towers, and in Danvers, Lexington and Chenoa. There are also home-delivered meals across the region five days a week, to an average of 280 locations. The suggested donation for each meal is only \$3.50.

Peace Meal began in Mattoon, Illinois in 1974. It is administered by Sarah Bush Lincoln Hospital, and receives funding from the East Central Agency on Aging, United Way, Normal Township, and private donations. Emilia talked about the relationships the program has developed with its clients, especially the home delivery constituents, as far more than a nutritional exchange. She described the way in which Peace Meal delivery agents helped rescue a client whose roof had fallen in, which was discovered in the course of bringing her a meal.

Hanks' Thought for the Day:

"For most of us, hunger is a short-term problem with a simple and foreseeable solution: easy access to a wide array of food and nutrition choices. But for one-eighth of all the people in the world, hunger is a daily, inescapable reality." --Hank Campbell

Invocation Schedule:

May 2, 2018: Gordon Ropp
May 9, 2018: Bill Rolley

May 16, 2018: Ryan Fleming
May 23, 2018: Matt Riehle
May 30, 2018: Gordon Bidner

Dates to Remember:

Saturday, May 5 – Daybreak Rotary's Cajun Craze at the Corn Crib
Wednesday, May 9 – Student Scholarship Luncheon
Tuesday, May 15 – Serve Ice Cream at McLean County Nursing Home; 5:00 to 7:00 PM
Wednesday, June 13 – Rural Urban Night at the Ropp's; 6:00; No noon meeting that day
Sunday, June 17 – St. Louis, Cubs vs. Cardinals

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