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Wednesday, May 23, 2018

Meet at ISU Bone Student Center

Greeters: Connie Gentry & Tom Gibson

Lottery: Todd Anderson & Greg Anvick

Invocation: Matt Riehle

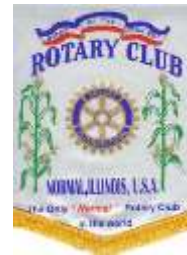
Wednesday, May 30, 2018

Meet at ISU Bone Student Center

Greeters: Becky Goeckner & Gene Gudeman

Lottery: Bruce Bergethon & Gordon Bidner

Invocation: Gordon Bidner



Reporter: Art Drake

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Hank Campbell

President Hank Campbell convened the May 16, 2018, meeting of the Normal Rotary Club. Ryan Fleming presented the reflection, urging us to "Dream Big." The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by the singing of one verse of "My Country Tis of Thee".

We had one visiting Rotarian: Ken Ota from Bloomington-Normal Daybreak. We also had one guest: André Quizon-Colquitt father of Asia Quizon-Colquitt one of our guest speakers.



Sherry Hawkins & Art Drake

Mystery Host: Art Drake presented the \$2 to Sherry Hawkins, who reminded him of the old adage: "Age Before Beauty."

Lottery: Becky Goeckner won the day's prize of \$15, but she drew the wrong card, missing out on the grand prize of \$266.



Becky Goeckner

Judge: John E. Bishop fined Dick Wagner, Art Drake and Ray Ropp, using the kind of convoluted judicial logic to which we've become accustomed. Something involving Ray and Carol celebrating 50 years of involvement in 4-H, I think. I don't know. For technical reasons, I didn't watch the video. (FYI: Ray and Carol Ropp were celebrating 50 years as 4-H leaders)

As far as **happy fines** are concerned:

- Dale Strassheim paid in honor of Carson and Iris Varner's service to the community and to ISU.
- Alan Chapman was happy about the upcoming 3rd annual Tee It Up for the GFPD event.
- Bill Semlak was happy that the Adopt A Highway event he'd scheduled, then canceled, then wished he hadn't canceled and then was happy he canceled turned out OK. Bill and his wife have picked up the big stuff in that area and will reschedule the event in a few weeks – or so he says.
- Iris Varner was happy that their son has managed to convince his skeptical parents that you can eke out a career in music.
- Hank Campbell was happy to have helped at Calvary Christian Academy's fundraiser and to have met someone with the same name as his son.



Dale Strassheim



Alan Chapman



Bill Semlak



Iris Varner

- Drake Zimmerman was happy to be expanding the Rotary Action Group on Malaria. Members can join now without paying a membership fee.



Drake Zimmerman



Announcements:

- Hank said Daybreak Rotary's Cajun Craze netted a \$750 contribution to Friends Forever.
- Hank reported that Friends Forever is \$5,009 short of its fund-raising goal.
- Hank said members of Normal Rotary should be alert to possible venue changes in the next few weeks, due to the Bone Student Center renovation.
- Stephanie McClellan thanked all who stepped up to help with the Boys and Girls Club event May 18, 4-6:30 p.m. We didn't get enough people to fill all their slots, but Stephanie says they knew that since short notice was given that they appreciated whatever help they could get.
- Rural-Urban Night at Ray & Carol Ropp's is scheduled for June 13. There will be no noon meeting that day.

Program:



Ken Ota

Ken Ota, a member of Daybreak Rotary who is active in the Sister Cities Program linking Bloomington-Normal and Asahikawa, Japan was our guest speaker. A native of Japan, Ken has lived in Bloomington-Normal for about 30 years.



Our community has enjoyed a sister city relationship with Asahikawa since 1962, exchanging students and visits by citizens and government officials. Asahikawa has a population of about 360,000 and is surrounded by mountains. It enjoys about 25 feet of snowfall per year.



Asia Quizon-Colquitt and Minami Hiraoka, appeared with Ken and answered questions. Asia has been selected as the Sister Cities High School Exchange Student to Asahikawa for 2018-19. She is the daughter of André and Desiree Quizon-Colquitt of Normal. Minami Hiraoka is the 2017-18 student from Asahikawa. Minami has been attending Bloomington High School.

Ken said the local Sister Cities Committee is looking for more members who are interested in building friendship between the two cities. For the 2018-19 school year they are looking for host families in Unit 5 within the Normal Community High School attendance area.

Hanks' Thought for the Day was a recitation of the Four Way Test:

The Four Way Test
Is it the truth?
Is it fair to all concerned?
Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Ice Cream Social – 5-15-18 McLean County Nursing Home – photos by Art Drake



Gordon Bidner & Matt Riehle



Gene Gudeman



Matt Riehle, Gene Gudeman & Jan Drake




Hank Campbell

Invocation Schedule:
 May 23, 2018: Matt Riehle

May 30, 2018: Gordon Bidner

Dates to Remember:

Monday, May 28 – Memorial Day Parade – march and carry US and military flags
 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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