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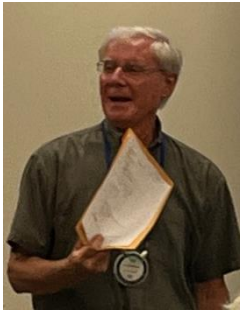
President Ryan Fleming convened the Aug. 10, 2022 meeting of the Normal Rotary Club at the ISU Alumni Center. Hank Campbell offered the reflection, urging our members to recommit to standards of integrity, fairness, respect and service as outlined in the Rotary Code of Conduct.

Guests: Mark MacDonald, who comes to us from Utah. He is checking out area Rotary clubs.

Announcements:

- Rotarians will carry flags in the Labor Day parade Sept. 5.
- Ron Timmerman announced that our members were scheduled to serve meals at Safe Harbor on Aug. 10, and again on Nov. 9.
- Oktoberfest is set for 4-10 p.m. Sept. 24 in Uptown Normal. That's a major fundraiser for our club. Bruce Bergethon says we have \$15,000 in sponsorships, and sign-up sheets will circulate for volunteers starting next week. There will be two shifts: 4-7 p.m. and 7-10 p.m. ISU student athletes will help us welcome all comers.
- Rotary Happy hour will be held 4-6 p.m. Aug. 25 at Joe's Pub on GE Road.
- Rotary District Conference will be held Sept. 16-17.
- Dave Hirst paid tribute to his friend, Garrett Scott, a longtime chess coach, Normal Town Council member and educator, who passed away recently.
- Connie Gentry reported that Rotarian Elleke Mesdag is in Texas, where her family is dealing with a health problem.

- Becky Goeckner reported that Rotarian Kathy Alexander is doing well following her second brain surgery.
- Alan Chapman reported that Tom Brokaw, husband of Nancy Brokaw has passed away.



Ron
Timmerman



Bruce
Bergethon



Hank
Campbell



Dave
Hirst



Connie
Gentry



Miranda Johns-
Cummings & Mark
McDonald

Mystery Host: Miranda Johns-Cummings presented the \$2 to Mark MacDonald, our guest.

Lottery: Alan Chapman won the day's \$17 prize but drew the wrong card and therefore missed out on the \$620 jackpot, which will roll over and grow.



Alan Chapman



David
Taylor

Judge: His Honor David Taylor presided over the collection of happy fines.

- Gordon Bidner was happy that his family had their 20th group vacation.
- Art Drake was happy that he and Jan are on track to celebrate their 16th wedding anniversary.
- Andy Copenhaver was happy to have returned from a vacation with just enough cash left over to pay a \$1 happy fine.
- Becky Goeckner was happy to share a joke with the club. (You had to be there.)



Gordon
Bidner



Art
Drake



Andy
Copenhaver



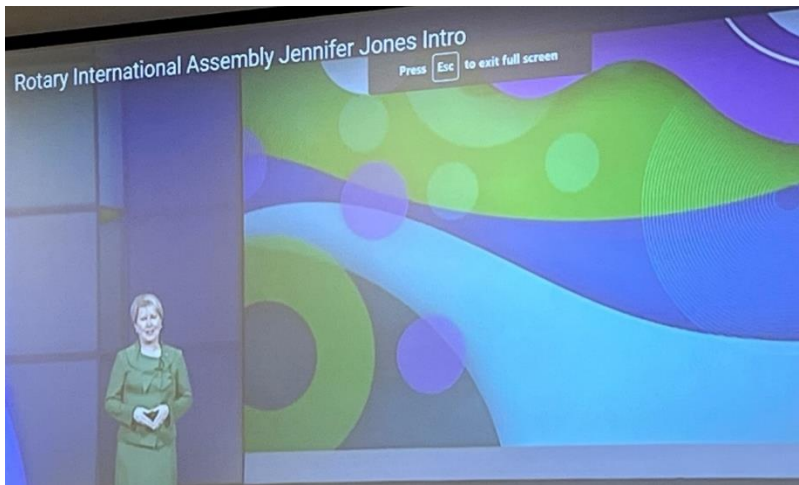
Becky
Goeckner



Speaker: Our scheduled speaker had to reschedule, so we were treated to a video presentation Rotary International President Jennifer Jones.

Jennifer talked about Rotary and its power to change the world for the better. Rotarians have access to the “power of Rotary connection,” that is, the ability to reach out to other Rotarians who may be able to solve problems that seem unsolvable. Rotarians everywhere share the goals of increasing understanding, equity and fairness, she said.

It's vital for Rotary Clubs everywhere to engage all of our members, she said. She added that Rotary Clubs must adapt and retool to engage our members.



“When you want to grab history, you have to grab history,” Jennifer said.

Past District Governor Gordon Bidner challenged our club’s members – especially the newer ones -- to let our leadership know how Normal Rotary can meet their goals and needs.

Next week, Normal Rotary Club member Mark Jontry will talk about the Illinois Bridge Academy.

Thought for the Day:

“It’s not the will to win that matters – everyone has that. It’s the will to prepare to win that matters.” --Bear Bryant



Dayna Brown-Nielson treated the club to Fudge Bars and Ice Cream Sandwiches.

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