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President Ryan Fleming convened the March 1, 2023, meeting of the Normal Rotary Club at the ISU Alumni Center.

Guests: Brian Beam, guest of Larissa McIlvain. He works in marketing for ISU. Katherine Turner, a member of Baja Mar Mexico Rotary.



Larissa McIlvain introduces her guest Brian Beam



Visiting Rotarian Katherine Turner

Announcements:

- Visitation and funeral for Rebecca Bishop, John E. Bishop's wife, were held March 4.
- Safe Harbor still needs new or gently used bath towels.
- The District Foundation Dinner will be held April 2.
- April 29 will be the District Assembly for current and future officers at the Forum at Carle in Urbana.
- March 18-19, PETS will be held in Effingham. (That's training for club presidents-elect.)



- Angie Bubon reminded us that our club scholarship banquet is on May 10. Contact Angie if you'd like to participate in the interviews.
- Dayna Brown-Nielsen asked Rotarians to save the date of July 1 for a Rotary Cornbelter's Night. Food and fireworks will be included. She hopes the new Rotary shirts will be available for us to wear then. If not, she hopes our members will show up in the Rotary shirts we already have.
- Dayna also revved up some excitement for our future meetings. Next week's lunch will come from D.P. Dough. Future speakers will include the Voice of the Redbirds, Jan Meadows of the Promise Council, the president of the McLean County Farm Bureau, Surinder Sethi and Hank Campbell talking about their trip to India, ISU's director of administration and representatives of 4-H and the Cornbelters. Let Dayna know if you have suggestions for speakers.

Katherine Turner, our visiting Rotarian from Mexico, took a few minutes to tell us about the effort to send relief aid to earthquake-stricken Turkey. Monetary donations all Midwest Mission to buy in bulk and to buy items that are requested by the contacts in Turkey. These include such items as meals, hygiene kits, medical supplies and more.

Katherine is working with the Springfield Rotary Foundation to meet these urgent needs. To donate, send checks to:

Springfield Rotary Foundation
P.O. Box 615
Springfield, IL 62705

Write "Disaster Relief Fund" in the memo line.



Judge Larissa McIlvain



Mystery Host Ed Tanton and
David Taylor



Iris Varner



Lottery: Iris Varner won the day's prize of \$20 but drew the wrong card. The \$236 grand prize will continue to grow.

Birthdays: We had an impromptu birthday auction – wine. Auctioneer Ray Ropp registered mild objections to auctioning off what he regards as “a competing beverage.” In the past, we’ve had lots of luck auctioning off “competing beverages.” Seems to be a crowd-pleaser.

Judge: In lieu of collecting happy fines, Judge Larissa McIlvain administered a trivia contest with a Women's History Month theme. (It was obviously rigged because my table didn't win. I'll let it go -- this time.)



Auctioneer Ray Ropp



Women's History Month Trivia



Miranda Johns-Cummings

Club Business:

- President Ryan presented the proposed slate of officers for 2023-24:
 - President, Dayna Brown Nielsen
 - President Elect, Jack Moody
 - Vice President, Bruce Bergethon
 - Treasurer, Matt Wyss
 - Secretary, OPEN (although Jack Moody might just continue to fill in)
 - Director for Club Administration, David Hirst
 - Director for Community Engagement, David Taylor
 - Director for Public Relations, Larissa McIlvain
 - Director for Foundation, Hank Campbell
 - Sergeant at Arms, Bill Semlak
 - Past-President, Ryan Fleming (I'm guessing that last one will be a shoo-in.)

- President Ryan presented 100 Paul Harris points to Miranda Johns Cummings in honor of her work with Oktoberfest.
- Hank Campbell presented a Paul Harris Fellow pin to Miranda.
- Hank also gave an update on funding for equipment for the clinic in Lamu, Kenya. The project is benefitting from a district grant and donations from other Rotary Clubs.

Thought for the Day: “In the Spring, I have counted 136 different kinds of weather inside of 24 hours.”
-Mark Twain



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