



Weekly Club Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: March 21, 2018

Overall Comments:

- Today's meeting was an off-site program at the U.S. Courthouse in downtown Minneapolis.

Meeting Details:

- President Bill Klein called the meeting to order at 7:35 at the Federal Café on the ground floor of the Courthouse building.
- Jim Eaton gave a reflection on the subject of "Gratitude."
- Instead of a weekly song, Meg Waterman presented a "Spring Joke."
- Visiting guests were then introduced.

Program/Speaker:

- President Klein then introduced Day Chair Dean Sanberg.
- Dean's "Rotary Moment" included scuba diving with fellow Rotarians. He also revealed that he is an expert on Belize.
- Dean introduced the principal speaker and tour guide for today, his wife Chief Justice of U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Kathleen Sanborn.
- Judge Sanborn began her program in the Federal Café, where she pointed out several features of the Courthouse plaza, which she characterized as a "homage" to the state of Minnesota and its history. She called special attention to the "Rock Man" sculpture in the plaza.
- Judge Sanborn then led our club through security and up to the 8th floor of the Courthouse. She offered three cogent warnings: don't wander away; don't push any buttons; don't close any doors behind you (you might find yourself in a cell!)
- Once we had entered Judge Sanborn's courtroom, she introduced us to her

predecessor, semi-retired Judge Robert Kressel. Judges Sanborn and Kressel described features of the Bankruptcy Court and then took us into their inner chambers. It was fascinating to see the inside of a U.S. courtroom.

Next Week's Program: March 28

- Hennepin County Sheriff Stanek will speak about the opioid crisis.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30am

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