



# The Normal Spoke

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**Wednesday, January 18, 2017**

Head Table: Bill Caisley & Hank Campbell

Greeters: Dale Strassheim & Ed Tanton

Lottery: Ron Pacha & Robert Porter

**Wednesday, January 25, 2017**

Head Table: Students of the Month

Greeters: David Taylor & Ron Timmerman

Lottery: Radha Radakrishan & Matt Riehle



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The meeting began at 12:05. The invocation was given by David Taylor.

January Students of the Month that were in attendance were:

- Ian McCormic (NCHS) who is a member of his schools mock trial team, scholastic bowl and is a "bus buddy" for special needs children.
- Jessica Quast (BACC) plays volleyball, is in the National Honor Society and a member of Just for Kids
- Advika Kamitar (U-High) is in cross country, soccer, is senior class president and a member of U Build.

Dale Strassheim as Interim CEO of the Boys and Girls Club brought with him Tony Morstatter the new CEO of the Boys and Girls Club. Bruce Bergethon brought his neighbor Paul Jarvis. Perhaps both gentlemen will consider joining Normal Rotary?



Tony Morstatter & Shelleigh Burlingmeir



Paul Jarvis



President Jim Roselund's trivia for today included: Who was the first FBI Director? (J. Edgar Hoover) and Who won the 1998 US figure skating championship? (Michelle Kwan).

**Announcements:**

- The 2017-2018 slate of officers was voted on and elected by unanimous vote:

Jim Rosenlund-Past President

Hank Campbell-President

Sherry Hawkins-President Elect  
 Heather Wagner-Vice President  
 Marcia Dennis-Secretary  
 Treasurer-Ryan Fleming  
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Heather Wagner

**Judge** Heather Wagner was going to go easy on those of us in the back row, but John E. Bishop persuaded her to fine us. She also fined Nancy Brokaw whose rock band "The Grannies" was featured in the Go Section of the Pantagraph. The Judge and many Rotarians hope that "The Grannies" will one day perform for us!

The **Mystery Host** Rob Cranston gave the \$2 dollars to the 5th hand he shook....John E. Bishop.



John E. Bishop & Rob Cranston

The lucky **Lottery** winner (\$20) was our student Advika Kamitar for the second week in a row. But she did not draw the ace of spades and therefore did not get the pot which is currently \$530.



Advika Kamitar

**Program:**



Shelleigh Burlingmeir

Shelleigh Burlingmeir from The Children's Discovery Museum was our guest speaker. She was president of the Boys & Girls Club of Bloomington-Normal's board of directors and vice chair of Advocate BroMenn Medical Center's Philanthropy Council.

She started her new job on Oct. 17. She was quoted in the Pantagraph as saying, "This is an opportunity for me to get into the non-profit sector and have an impact on the community through the children we have here," she said. "There's so much energy uptown, and being a part of that is really appealing to me and my family."

"The Museum does a lot of outreach into high risk/low income areas, and there's an opportunity to some partnerships with the Boys and Girls Club. I've been encouraging the staff to think outside the box. What can we do to help the community? How can we get our name out there more than it is? But the main thing is: what is our mission, how can we fulfill our mission, and working with kids and educating through play. So any kids that we can have an impact on are definitely something we'll be looking at."

She said when she first arrived at the Museum, she was raring to go. "My initial thought when I walked in was that I was going to change the world. Any new job, you're going to change the world. But my

experience tells me that you need to sit back and listen and see what's going on. So, as far as big ideas, absolutely! One joke I keep telling people is in ten years we're going to have two more floors on this building. Because why wouldn't you? It's a great place! We're just going to make it bigger and better." Her first goal is to create a strategic plan so that each new project will align with the overall long term goals. We look forward to seeing what she does.

**Today's Thought for the Day** comes from Mother Theresa: *"Be happy in the moment, that's enough. Each moment is all we need, not more"*

### Members in Action



Greeter Surinder Sethi



Ticket Seller Elleke Mesdag



Bruce Bergethon



Linda Healy



Dick Wagner

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