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### Wednesday, October 25, 2017

Greeters: Andy Copenhaver & Rob Cranston

Lottery: Iris Varner & Dick Wagner

### November Birthdays – Please bring a gift for the Birthday Auction

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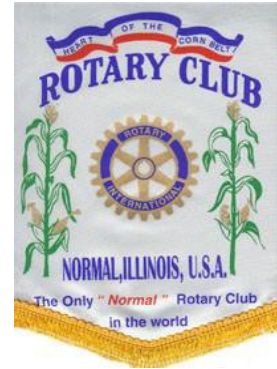
Vandana Naik	9
Gordon Bidner	28
Rod Weigelmann	29

### Wednesday, November 1, 2017

Greeters: Steve Dobski & Art Drake

Lottery: Rod Weigelmann & Matt Wyss

Program: Club Business & Birthday Auction



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President Hank opened the Normal Rotary Club's Oct. 18 meeting at 12:10. Rod Weigelmann gave the reflection/invocation, and Scott Ice led us in a spirited and tuneful version of "My Country 'Tis of Thee."

**Guests:** Visiting from Charlotte, NC, was President Hank's son Ryan.

**Students of the Month:** Grace Magnuson from NCWHS; Cesar Sandoval of NCHS; Rebekah Hagberg, also of NCWHS and the Bloomington Career Center; and Alok Kamatar from U High. Each spoke about their volunteer activities. Rebekah was accompanied by her father, Robert, although she declined to tell any stories about him in her presentation.

**Judge:** Bruce Bergethon introduced the Mystery Host, Vandana Naik, who in turn honored the Club's outstanding Secretary and Greeter-In-Chief, Marcia Dennis, with the \$2 bill.

**Lottery:** Continuing a trend of Campbell winners (last week's was President Hank), Ryan had the winning ticket, which earned him \$23. Unfortunately, he then drew the 2 of Spades (twice as good as he needed to be), rolling the big pot to over \$730 for next week!

Judge Bergethon then meted out some Club procedural Justice, fining the six October Birthday members (all of whom forgot to bring birthday auction items two weeks ago) for their forgetfulness. Thanks for the \$10 each, Ron T., Tom G., Linda H., Angie F., Rob C., and Drake Z.! A smattering of lesser fines for forgetting to wear their Rotary pin were then paid, followed by a veritable tsunami of Happy Fines. These included:

--Linda Healy, for seeing her son and participating in the Bed Blitz

- Bill Semlak, inviting us to eat his smoked turkey at ISU Homecoming
- Drake Zimmerman, for the recent triumph of Iowa State over another U of I
- Rob Cranston, for sharing his Finnish granddaughter's first birthday via Skype
- Larissa McIlvain, for raising over \$14 K in the Heartland 5K
- Scott Ice, who chipped in \$11 for the 11 service projects coordinated with Calvary
- Elleke Mesdag, returned from a trip to the South Dakota farm she emigrated to in 1952 (the barn is still there!)
- Andy Copenhaver, happy about his kids' band triumphs, but also rolling out the 2017 Club Poinsettia campaign, with an offer to turn over big accounts from Jim Carter and Heather Wagner
- Marcia Dennis, who wrote a \$40 check to the Rotary Foundation in celebration of her daughter (and former Club member) Heather's 40<sup>th</sup> birthday
- Ryan Campbell, who contributed all his lottery winnings back to the Club. Thanks, Ryan!

**Announcements:**

- Oct. 24 is World Polio Day. The five local Rotary Clubs will pay to have announcements about Rotary International's goal of polio eradication on local billboards and media outlets.
- Club Holiday Dinner Party is Wednesday, Dec. 6 at Hancock Stadium.
- John Bishop spoke briefly about the Veteran's Day One on One, Nov. 9.

**Speaker:** Matt Hawkins is the Sports Marketing Manager for Visit BN/Convention and Visitors Bureau. He gave us a very interesting and wide-ranging presentation, explaining that tourism in general saves the average taxpayer in McLean County about \$1,200 per year.

Through an economic recycler called "turnover," the BNCVB returned about \$10.20 to the local economy for every dollar of hotel tax received. The Bloomington and



**Matt Hawkins**

Normal hotel taxes are less than 5 percent of the Convention and Visitor Bureau's revenues, with most of it coming from the State of Illinois and advertising revenues.

Hawkins chairs the Bloomington/Normal Sports Commission, whose signature events include the State Farm Youth Classic (golf) and the Midwest Nationals Wrestling Tournament; of over 70 events they coordinate, he also mentioned the Bloomington Criterium, the USA Softball National Tournament, the State Farm (basketball) Holiday Classic, and Illinois Special Olympics. Hawkins also talked about the history and the opportunities for a new multi-use sports complex, projected to be near the Crossroads Center.

**Thought For the Day:**

*"It takes a great deal of courage to stand up to your enemies, but even more to stand up to your friends."*

--J.K. Rowling, author of the Harry Potter books

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