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Wednesday, November 8, 2017

Greeters: Paul Enchelmayer & Ryan Fleming

Lottery: Drake Zimmerman & Bayo Adanri

Program: Dan Maffeo – Military Honor Guard

Wednesday, November 15, 2017

Greeters: Tom Gibson & Becky Goeckner

Lottery: Todd Anderson & Greg Anvick

Program: Leah Johnson – ISU Volleyball Coach



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President Hank Campbell called the meeting to order; the invocation was provided by Elleke Mesdag. She told a wonderful story about her “daily bread” referencing her experience in Holland during WWII when Holland was occupied by the Germans and food was scarce. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by one verse of “My Country Tis of Thee” led by Scott Ice.

November Students of the Month:

- Christian Lopez from U-High told us a bit about himself. He plays soccer and is a Math Tutor. He has 1 brother and 2 sisters.
- Zachary Bradford was not In Attendance
- Lexi Showalter is familiar with Rotary and has attended a Rotary Camp. At NCHS she is on the dance team, was class president last year, and is a member of the honor society
- Melissa Pish is a swimmer at Normal West. She will be attending Duke next year to swim and study.



Christian Lopez & Paul Enchelmayer



Lexi Showalter & Dianne Schultz



Bruce Bergethon & Melissa Pish

Announcements:

- President Hank thanked Steve Dobski for being a greeter today, Matt Wyss for selling lottery tickets today and Sherry Hawkins for filling-in for him last week. He and Mary enjoyed hiking in a National Park in California last week and invited all of us to enjoy our National Parks as they are real treasures!



Marcia Dennis

Marcia Dennis reported that we had received an e-mail from ISU Catering that construction on the Bone Student Center will include major plumbing work. Therefore there will be no water, kitchens, or bathrooms available. The Bone Student Center will be closed for catering clients from Nov. 22 to Jan. 3rd.

We have therefore contracted to have our weekly meetings at the ISU Alumni Center, at 1101 N. Main St. in Normal, IL. Parking and walking to the meeting will be much simpler at the Alumni Center. Plans for the meeting site needed after Jan.3rd will be discussed by members and the NRC board.

Import Meeting Dates and Places to Remember:

November 8th and 15th: Prairie Room – 2nd floor East end of the Bone Student Center

November 22nd: ISU Alumni Center. 1101 N. Main St. Normal

Dec. 6th: Holiday party at the ISU Hancock Stadium Room at 5:30 - NO NOON MEETING THAT DAY.

Dec 13: ISU Alumni Center

December 20: ISU Alumni Center

January 3: ISU Alumni Center



Andy Copenhaver



Poinsettia Sales – let Andy Copenhaver know if you need additional cards. The cards and money are due at our November 22nd meeting.

Veterans One-on-One – John A. Bishop praised the membership for stepping up to host Veterans from Westminster and asked that we check to see if all of the information is complete and correct.



John A. Bishop

- President Hank thanked the NRC Board for supporting the grant for Malaria Action. Our club has been asked to participate in a Global Grant for a Malaria prevention and treatment project with a Rotary Club from Seattle, WA; the Soroti Central Club of Soroti, Uganda, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and NRC member Drake Zimmerman. We would be a secondary support club, not a primary author of the project. This allows us to propose to District 6490 Global Grants Committee \$10,000 of District Designated Funds for this project.
- There will be a NRC Board meeting immediately after this meeting.
- The Global Grants Committee will meet in Tuscola, IL 4:30-6:30 p.m. – date?
- Rotary Night at the ISU Women’s Volleyball match is November 17th



Bruce Bergethon

Today's **Judge** was Bruce Bergethon who first presided over our **Mystery Host** – Scott Ice. Scott gave the \$2 to Alan Chapman for being welcoming when he first visited our club.

The **Lottery** winner was Ron Timmerman who won \$17. The cards were missing and so Ron will have to draw first thing next week for the big pot.



Ron Timmerman & Hank Campbell

Judge Bruce then meted out some Fines: Carson Varner was fined for his essay in the Pantagraph on Sunday where he did not mention the Rotary Club. Drake Zimmerman was fined for being on TV at the Downtown Bloomington Rally and not having his pin on (but it was on his coat, which he had given to someone who was cold!)

Happy Fines:

- Becky Goeckner– promoted the Downtown Bloomington Around the Corner Artists' Art Walk this Friday; had a wonderful Rick Steves' tour of Italy; and then went to Germany where she and Ron had a reunion with 22 students from Paderborn, Germany that had stayed with them since 1987. She also thanked Art Drake for filling in as Spoke editor while she was away.
- Rob Cranston – He and Mary went to dinner with friends at The Old Bank Inn in LeRoy where he saw something that reminded him of Ben Gildersleeve.
- Bill Rolley read an interesting article in National Geographic about Polio
- Drake Zimmerman had a correction from the last Spoke – he said he **enjoyed** the Illinois **BAND** at the Iowa vs. Illinois Game.



Becky Goeckner

Judge Bruce Bergethon then presided over a round of Membership Trivia. He called to the front of the room: Marcia Dennis, John E. Bishop and Bill Semlak.

We were then challenged to match them to the three facts that we were given. I believe everyone got them matched correctly and so no table had to ante up a dollar/person for being wrong. The results.....



Marcia Dennis, John E. Bishop & Bill Semlak

Fact # 1: This Rotarian was put on Social Probation when attending Eastern Illinois University, but went on to be named Best Teacher as a faculty member at Illinois State University. *Marcia Dennis - She explained that back in the day curfews were imposed on dorm residents and that she had to sneak out of the dorm after hours to get something to eat because she was hungry!*

Fact # 2: This Rotarian in High School received a Congressional Nomination to attend the Air Force Academy. Life intervened. *John E. Bishop – He explained that because of a car accident he was unable to complete the required physical for enrollment.*

Fact # 3: This Rotarian received a B.A. and M.A. from Marquette University and a PhD. From the University of Minnesota. *Bill Semlak*

Birthday Auction: Gordon Ropp conducted a lively Birthday Auction. The Blue Corn Meal went for \$20 to Bill Semlak; the Funk's Grove Hybrid Sign went for \$57.50 to Bill Caisley; and a bottle of Chilean Wine went for \$40 to Elleke Mesdag.

Hank's Thought for the Day was a personal one: *"Mary and I hiked among the tall redwoods and pines of John Muir Woods north of San Francisco. These woods along with our other National Parks are great gifts due to the vision of John Muir, John White, Teddy Roosevelt, and many, many others. So, my thought to you is to 'Take the time to visit our National Parks, share these treasures with family and friends, and realize what a great gift of life we have! Now, what are we going to do to make it better for us and others?"*



President Hank Campbell was able to personally hand over a check from the Normal Rotary Foundation to the staff of the Children's Discovery Museum in Uptown Normal.

"The support has made a big impact on the Museum! It has helped us to dream about how we can build upon and expand the curriculum that Rotary's investment enabled us to create. Thank you for this gift!"

All my best,

*Teresa Decker
Development Coordinator
Children's Discovery Museum*

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