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March Birthdays – Please bring a gift for the Birthday Auction

Mel Schultz	6
Heather Wagner	19
Surinder Sethi	26
Becky Goeckner	27
David Taylor	27



Wednesday, March 1, 2017

Greeters: Todd Anderson & Bruce Bergethon

Lottery: Bill Rolley & Gordon Ropp

Program: Club Business & Birthday Auction

Wednesday, March 8, 2017

Greeters: Gordon Bidner & John A. Bishop

Lottery: Ray Ropp & Don Rutledge

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President Jim Rosenlund rang the bell at approximately 12:05 and welcomed all Rotarians and guests to the meeting. Everyone was given a few minutes to say hello to their neighbors. Matt Riehle gave an invocation by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the first verse of America, led by Steve Dobski. President Jim was very pleased with this week's rendition!

Introductions:

In addition to our February Students of the Month (Tanner Givens, Amber Greenburg, Michael Mosley and Noelle Douglass), we had one visiting Rotarian and one guest in attendance. Greg Anvick joined us again from the Hoopston Rotary Club and Vivian Rocholl (Iris Varner's great niece) traveled all the way from Germany to be with us!



Tanner Givens



Amber Greenburg & Heather Wagner



Michael Mosely & Angie Fulton



Noelle Douglass & Ed Tanton



Greg Anvick



Vivian Rocholl & Iris Varner

Announcements:

- Jim reminded us about the 5 club event at the US Cellular Coliseum on Saturday, March 18 to watch the Bloomington Edge play. \$25 for adults and \$10 for kids. Purchase your tickets online at www.bloomingtonedge.spinzo.com/Rotary



Hank Campbell

- Hank Campbell spoke to us about his experience at the Rotary Leadership Institute this past weekend – it was a great opportunity to learn more about Rotary, meet other Rotarians and prepare him for his upcoming Presidency!
- Hank also updated us on the \$48,000 Global Grant for the Lamu Center of Preventative Health in Kenya, Africa. \$10,000 has been released and the money is being put to good use. Fingers crossed the remaining money will be released this year!



- Shopper extraordinaire, aka Connie Gentry was given a standing ovation after she announced that 800+ coats had been purchased this year and that the average cost of those coats was **ONLY \$13**. She has been told to “keep on buying” during the end of season clearance sales so as to stock-pile coats for next winter.



Connie Gentry



John E. Bishop

- John E. Bishop needs volunteers to serve as hosts for the March and April **Students of the Month**.
- Marcia Dennis reminded us that the Cubs vs. Cardinals game in St. Louis is on Saturday, May 13th. Proceeds from the tickets benefit Literacy projects



Marcia Dennis

Student Presenters:

This month's students spoke to us about their experiences this month at the Normal Rotary Club. They were all excited to learn that service opportunities do exist beyond school! They were inspired by the work we are doing and all the lives we touch in the community, nation and world.



Angie Fulton & Larissa McIlvain



Jim Rosenlund, Heather Wagner & Rod Weigelmann

This week's **Mystery Host** was Angie Fulton who gave the \$2 bill to the person who introduced her to Rotary – Larissa McIlvain.

Rod Weigelmann won \$15 in this week's **Lottery** and almost drew the Ace of Spades (Ace of Clubs instead – wah, wah). The \$130 pot rolls on to next week!

Judge Heather Wagner was happy due to the beautiful weather, so she didn't fine anyone. Several Rotarians were happy for a variety of reasons.

Happy Fines Were Paid By:



Michael Steele



Heather Wagner



Drake Zimmerman



Angie Fulton



Larissa McIlvain



Tim Maynard

Program: Tim Maynard of the Cunningham Children's Home in Champaign-Urbana described the mission and history of the facility. It's a residential treatment center for kids who have suffered trauma, abuse and neglect. It was started 122 years ago and is operated by the United Methodist Women. The home serves 351 families throughout Central Illinois. Most of the residents have been through as many as seven different placements before coming to Cunningham. Nobody else will take them, Tim said. The home has two schools on site, and the structures need to be replaced. Cunningham Children's Home is raising \$8.5 million of the \$14 million needed to build a new school. Funding for operations comes from the United Methodist Women, the state, individuals, community organizations and special events.

Jim's Thought for Today was from Mahatma Gandhi, *"The future depends on what we do in the present"*.

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