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### February 15, 2017

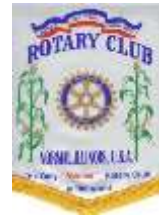
Greeters: Dick Wagner & Heather Wagner

Lottery: Gordon Ropp & Ray Ropp

### Wednesday, February 22, 2017

Greeters: David Taylor & Ron Timmerman

Lottery: Radha Radakrishan & Matt Riehle



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Jim Rosenlund

Jim Rosenlund rang the bell at 12:05 to start the meeting. We took a few minutes to say hello to everyone and then we all said the Pledge and sang the first verse of America.

Jim then gave the following 5 tips of things **NOT** to say to your valentine on Valentine's Day:

- 5) I really don't like this restaurant that much, but I wanted to use this 2 for 1 coupon before it expired.
- 4) It's been tough, but I've come to accept that most people I date just won't be as smart as me.
- 3) I used to come here all the time with my ex.
- 2) Could you excuse me? My cat gets lonely if he doesn't hear my voice on the answering machine every hour.
- 1) I never said you NEED a nose job. I just said it wouldn't hurt to consider it.

**Introductions: February Students of the Month:** Today the students told us about their extra-curricular activities: (The reporter was a little late, so the students' activities were not adequately reported. My apologies)

- Tanner Givens is involved in FFA at Leroy High School. He also attends the Bloomington Area Career Center.
- Amber Greenburg is involved in Color Guard at Normal West.
- Michael Mosley, a senior at U-High, is involved in the National Honor Society, Math Club, and he works at Walmart.
- Noelle Douglass among other things she is involved in, she sang with the NCHS Madrigals.



Amber Greenburg & Larissa McIlvain



Tanner Givens



Robert Porter & Michael Mosely



Iris Varner & Noelle Douglass

There were no other guests today.

**Announcements:**

- Jim announced a 5 club event to watch indoor football with the Bloomington Edge, at US Cellular Coliseum on Saturday, March 18 to watch Bloomington Edge. Add it to your schedule for some fun and fellowship and get to know some other Rotarians.



**5 CLUB FAMILY OUTING  
With the  
BLOOMINGTON EDGE vs OMAHA BEEF!  
MARCH 18, 2017**

Kickoff 7:05; Doors Open 6:00  
Adults - \$25. Children (17 and Under) - \$10

Price includes:

- Game ticket
- Access to Edge Party Deck (all you can eat nacho bar, popcorn, & soft drinks!)

Purchase your tickets online at [bloomingtonedge.spinzo.com/Rotary](http://bloomingtonedge.spinzo.com/Rotary)  
And register for exclusive game experiences!

**Buy now...Tickets are limited!**

**Fundraising for 5 Club Veteran's Dinner:**

A keg of beer will be provided by the Sunrise Club - \$10 unlimited drink tickets will be sold and proceeds will be donated to the Veteran's Dinner.

**WIN!!!** Bloomington Edge autographed jersey will be raffled off and the proceeds will be donated to the Veteran's Dinner.

- Rotary Leadership Institute will be Saturday, February 18 in Decatur at Richland Community College. For those in Rotary leadership and also those interested in learning more about Rotary, this is a worth your Saturday. The club will pay for your entry.
- If you have any old photos or web content for Larissa McIlvain, please forward them to her. She is updating our website and any help would be much appreciated.

- Also, for all you Cub or Cardinal fans... on Saturday, May 13, our entire Rotary District has a block of tickets for this game. Please contact Marcia Dennis for purchase of the tickets. Proceeds from the sale of tickets goes to fund literacy projects



- Jim then read to the club a letter from the father of one of last month's Students of the Month, Ian McCormick. His father, Chris, was very appreciate of the opportunity for Ian to learn more about Rotary and also the support and volunteer work that we do as a club for to community. It was very positive to be recognized for the work we do!



Linda Healy

Jim then welcomed up today's **Judge**, Linda Healy. She first asked if there was a **Mystery Host**. Ron Timmerman decided to poll the audience to find out who drove the furthest in today's snow to our meeting. Member Angie Fulton - from Melvin, Sherry Hawkins - from Clinton...but student of the month Tanner Givens was given the \$2 for driving from LeRoy. Far enough apparently for Ron.



Tanner Givens & Ron Timmerman

Next Linda did the **Lottery**, which our Treasurer, Ryan Fleming won the \$10 small pot. The big pot was \$140, but he did NOT pull the Ace of Spades, so it rolls on. Judge Linda levied no fines but did ask if there were any happy fines.

### Happy Fines:

- Becky Goeckner paid 2 bucks because her 12 year old granddaughter sang the National Anthem at the Illinois Wesleyan University Women's basketball game on Saturday AND because her snow blower started today allowing her to make it to today's.
- Judge Linda paid one for her plumber not losing his camera inside her pipes...AND he got the job done.
- Hank Campbell was happy his wife Mary was in Colorado.
- Bill Caisley said he was happy for only 40 days left til spring.
- And finally, President Jim was paying a happy fine because he was driving to the meeting today and almost slid on the snow and hit someone...but he didn't so he's happy for small miracles.



Ryan Fleming



Becky Goeckner & Ryan Fleming



Hank Campbell



Bill Caisley



Linda Healy, Ryan Fleming & Jim Rosenlund

Today the club had the blessing of two speakers today.

**Program 1:** First was Barbara Wells of the Master Gardener program through the McLean County Extension office. She was promoting the Home, Lawn, & Garden Day on March 4 at Central Catholic High School.



Barbara Wells

The registration fee is \$50 and it includes a Keynote Session with Chris Benda, a botanist with Illinois Natural History Survey and President of the Illinois Native Plant Society - "Illinois Wildflowers for the Home Garden". A morning session with local Certified Floral Designers where they have to perform a challenge, 3 workshops, a mini session with Shane Cultra of Country Arbors-New & Amazing Annuals & Perennials to look for in 2017, plus lunch, vendors, and door prizes. So put the date on your calendar if you're interested in getting your lawn and garden ready for spring.



**Program 2:** Then Miki Aberle from Project Oz explained all that they offer for at-risk youth in McLean County. There are so many services they provide; among them are runaway youth services, positive youth activities, school intervention services through the high schools in town, transitional living services, and street outreach. Case managers help kids find employment, housing, and provide leadership development, among countless other services.

She shared a story of a high school student from Iowa that was a runaway, and involved in prostitution. The FBI was involved, and they eventually got her help and back home to Iowa. So the job they do can be very involved and intensive.



Miki Aberle



Jim thanked both Barbara and Miki for their coming to the club and speaking to us today. He urged us all to come to next week's meeting where Donna Bishop, a registered dietician will be our speaker.

**Jim's Thought for Today** was from Tony Gaskins – *"To be content does not mean that you don't desire more, it means you're thankful for what you have and patient for what's to come."*

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