



## The Normal Spoke

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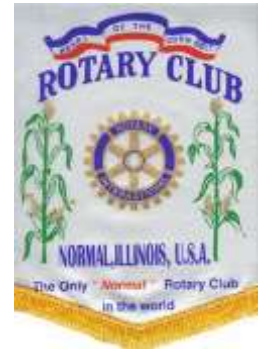
### Wednesday, June 21, 2017 – No Noon Meeting

#### Rural-Urban Night

- 6:00 p.m. Start time
- Judging of Llamas
- Followed by a catered dinner
- Guest speaker: Illinois Department of Agriculture Raymond Poe
- The famous Ropp Quiz



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Normal, Illinois



### Wednesday, June 28, 2017

Greeters: Matt Riehle & Bill Rolley

Lottery: Alan Chapman & Andy Copenhaver

Program: Installation of 2017-2018 Normal Rotary Officers and Board of Directors

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Jim Rosenlund

President Jim Rosenlund convened the June 14, 2017, meeting of the Normal Rotary Club in the magnificent environs of Braden Auditorium. Jim noted that this was the last full meeting for him as president. He had pondered the idea of a grand entrance being lowered from the rafters with pyrotechnics and the like. Common sense prevailed. David Taylor drew on the lyrics of "Imagine" by John Lennon for the reflection.



David Taylor

There were no guests or visiting Rotarians.

### Announcements:

- Jim thanked the members who spruced up the banners, which included correcting a long-standing typo that we had been ignoring for years, possibly decades. The work was done by Marcia Dennis, Becky Goeckner, Elleke Mesdag and Connie Gentry.
- Rural-Urban Night will be held at the 6 p.m. June 21 at the Ropp Farm. THERE WILL BE NO NOON MEETING THAT DAY.
- Oktoberfest will be held September 24, and Sherry Hawkins says we need sponsorships and other help. Complete details regarding sponsorship opportunities were sent as an attachment to the e-mail with the link to this Spoke. A summary is below:

**Stage Sponsor:** (limit 1) \$5,000 – we provide banner; social, radio & print media advertising & more

**Next level:** Banner at gates (limit 6) \$1,000 – we provide banner; some media advertising

**Next Level:** Banner on fence (unlimited-kind of) \$500 – we provide banner; limited advertising

**Next Level:** Banner on fence (\$250) – you provide banner; we provide limited advertising



We capped the announcements with a standing ovation for Jim Rosenlund's presidency.

There was no Mystery Host. Bill Rolley won the \$15 in the drawing, but failed to draw the ace of spades. The rolling pot of \$399 continues to grow.



Bill Rolley

**Judge John E. Bishop** collected fines:

- He fined everyone who was happy about Jim Rosenlund's presidency.
- He fined everyone who was glad to see Jim Rosenlund's presidency end.
- Linda Healy was happy that the WGLT summer concert went well last Saturday.
- Bill Semlak was happy about WGLT's concert too.
- Dale Strassheim was happy about Jim Rosenlund's leadership and about media coverage of the club. {kudos to Art Drake}
- Carson Varner was happy about his recent trip to Germany. Iris is on a river cruise, and Carson says she is probably spending the money they had saved by staying with family there.
- Andy Copenhaver was happy to take some credit for any success that Jim Rosenlund's administration might have had.
- Radha Radhakrishnan was happy to have spent the past two weeks in Greece, soaking up the historic setting.
- Jim Rosenlund paid because he'd forgotten to get a gift for the last birthday auction, because he'd had a good time as president and because of the advice he'd received from other members of the club, especially Andy Copenhaver.



Linda Healy



Bill Semlak



Dale Strassheim



Carson Varner



Andy Copenhaver



Bill Legett  
*Photo by Art Drake*

**Program:** Our speaker was Bill Legett, interim director of Illinois State University's Department of Event Planning, Dining and Hospitality. It's the largest department on campus with 1,300 employees.

A huge project in the department is the revitalization of the Bone Student Center. The "front door to the campus" will see some major construction, with ground-breaking scheduled for this fall. The \$33 million project is expected to take about 33 months to complete. The idea is to open the place up, bring in more natural light and update the structure to create a fabulous first impression for potential ISU students and other visitors.

The project will include a three-story addition and much more. There will be six dining venues and lots of seating areas. The Bone Student Center will be open during construction.

Thought for the Day is from Mandy Hale:

*“A great attitude becomes a great day which becomes a great month which becomes a great year which becomes a great life.”*



At right Ray & Carol Ropp & Surinder Sethi at the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta, Georgia

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