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Wednesday, March 8, 2017

Greeters: Gordon Bidner & John A. Bishop

Lottery: Ray Ropp & Don Rutledge

Wednesday, March 15, 2017

Greeters: John E. Bishop & Nancy Brokaw

Lottery: Surinder Sethi & Ron Springer



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The meeting started at 12:10, the invocation was given by Gordon Ropp, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the first verse of American led by Elleke Mesdag.

Visitors included Paul Enchelmayer, who announced that he had submitted his membership application and Iris Varner's great niece, Vivian Rochol from Germany.

We had 50% attendance with our March Students of the Month. Alexander Barth from the Bloomington Area Career Center is going to be a diesel mechanic and would like to go to Lyle or Lincoln tech for training. Sam Fansler from U-High is planning to major in both math and music at Butler or University of Michigan.



Paul Enchelmayer



Vivian Rocholl



Alexander Barth



Sam Fansler

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



Mark Jontry

- Mark Jontry asked for nominations for the **Jack Wilz Public Health and Safety Award** and the **Jim Collie Vocational Service Award**.
- Marcia Dennis announced that March is **Literacy Month** and if you do not bring a children's book, she will fine you or ask you to put your change in the boxes on the tables.



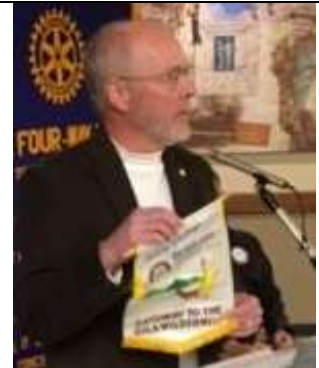
Marcia Dennis



Gordon Ropp

Gordon Ropp presented to the club the banner from the Lantana, TX Rotary Club, which he visited recently. The club has 100 members and clubs within their club, including a cooking club and a golf club.

Bruce Bergethon presented a Rotary Club banner from his old stomping grounds in Silver City, NM where a club of 35 people raise 100k annually at their auction to benefit charities.



Bruce Bergethon



John A. Bishop

John A. Bishop shared information on the **Normal Rotary Foundation**. The Foundation serves to fund the club's service projects. Andy Copenhaver will assume leadership of the Foundation when John ends his term as Chair of the Foundation on July 1st.

The **Mystery Host** was Todd Anderson who gave the \$2 to Bruce Bergethon for being such an interesting person to talk with and for his new bearded look.



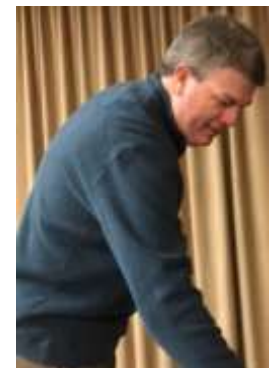
Bruce Bergethon & Todd Anderson



Linda Healy

Judge Linda Healy fined the back tables for leaving a chair empty at the front tables. With the podium now placed at a diagonal on one side of the room, Art Drake suggested that there is only **ONE** front table situated in front of the podium and that all the others are now back tables.

Mark Jontry was the winner of the **Lottery** pot, and by pot we mean the \$17. He did not draw the ace of spades, so the \$183 will roll on to next week.



Mark Jontry

Happy Fines Were Paid By:

- Linda Healy was happy that her GLT event is **SOLD OUT**
- Elleke Mesdag liked Andy Copenhaver's shirt

- Connie Gentry was happy about clearance priced winter coats and good bargains on ski gloves.
- Gene Jontry was proud of the ISU Redbirds
- Drake Zimmerman was happy about John A. Bishop for serving as Chair of the Rotary Foundation Board
- Jim Rosenlund also liked Andy's shirt and the ISU Redbirds



Elleke Mesdag



Connie Gentry



Gene Jontry



Drake
Zimmerman



Jim Rosenlund



Becky Goeckner

Becky Goeckner was the only March birthday person present so we all sang directly to her.

We have figured out how many ways to make money on donated art...after Surinder Sethi gave back the art he won in the raffle. Gordon Ropp auctioned it off to Alan Chapman for \$60.



Gordon Ropp

Boxes of chocolates were purchased by Elleke Mesdag and Art Drake. Marcia Dennis picked up a water color.

Jim's Thought for Today was from Plato: *"Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and life to everything"*



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