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### Wednesday, January 24, 2018

#### Meet at ISU Bone Student Center

Greeters: Ray Ropp & Jim Rosenlund

Lottery: Ryan Fleming & Connie Gentry

### Wednesday, January 31, 2018

#### Meet at ISU Bone Student Center

Greeters: Art Runyon & Dianne Schultz

Lottery: Tom Gibson & Becky Goeckner



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President Hank Campbell opened the meeting at 12:20. He solicited our thoughts and prayers for Normal Rotarians Don Rutledge and Ron Pacha.

Unbeknownst to most of us, Ron had passed away the afternoon before. He was a loyal member of the Normal Rotary Club since 1987, serving as president in 1992. Ron's contributions to the Club were legion, but many of us remember him for his beautiful singing voice, leading us (as best he could) at every meeting and Club gathering.

Our  
Deepest  
Condolences



Ron Pacha

Scott Ice did a nice job leading us in "My Country Tis of Thee" this week, following a NRC mission-inspired invocation by President Hank. Hank also thanked Paul Enchelmayer for his yeoman job, collecting lots of lottery money (more later.)

**Guests:** Rotarian Bobby Castillo, from the Sunrise Club, was back, partly to tell us about a Sunrise fundraiser Monday, at Fort Jesse Café, for Home Sweet Home Mission. Gordon Ropp introduced his recently retired son Darren, who was celebrating his 57th birthday.



Paul Enchelmayer & Marcia Dennis



Bobby Castillo



Darren Ropp

**January Students of the Month:** All four of our January students-of-the-month were in attendance. Larin Harr from NCHS spoke about her extra-curricular activities on the track team and as an intern at BroMenn. Nancy Steele Brokaw re-introduced U-High student Stephanie Soukup, who is active in both choir and band (as a clarinetist.) John A. Bishop again hosted Lauren Seaver from the BACC and U-High, who spoke about her involvement with the Flying Dragons pole vault club and the Humane Society. Lydia Spychalla, from NCWHS, is also a musician (oboe seriously, and piano and uke “for fun”); she is track team captain and involved with the youth group at East White Oak church.



Larin Harr



Stephanie Soukup



Lauren Seaver



Lydia Spychalla



Ray Ropp & Ryan Fleming

**Mystery Host:** Ryan Fleming, a die-hard U of I basketball fan, awarded the \$2 bill to Ray Ropp, who he knew was in sympathetic suffering for the Illini's current woes.

**Judge:** Linda Healy presided over another exciting lottery. David Taylor won today's \$34 pot, but (with the Jack of Diamonds) could not qualify for the big pot, now up to \$1,057.00. Only four cards left for next week, and one of them is still the Ace of Spades!



Linda Healy



David Taylor found the Jack of Diamonds but the elusive Ace of Spades remains just that. Next week the odds of you being a big winner are 1:4 since there will be only four remaining cards to choose from!

**Fines:** Judge Linda Healy fined everyone who hasn't had the flu or a cold, as well as Bobby Castillo for his fundraising announcement. She paid a happy fine for her annual “skiing trip” (no snow but not fun free.) Other Happy Fines: Art Drake apologized for not helping Paul Enchelmayer with the lottery (read your Spoke, Art!); Greg Anvick proudly announced last week's celebration of both his son's 40th and his granddaughter's 5th birthdays; Gordy Ropp mentioned his son's birthday, and his helpfulness; and Rob Cranston, with a differential U of I orientation, spoke happily of watching the recent UIC/U basketball travails.



Art Drake



Gordon Ropp & Hank Campbell



Rob Cranston

**Announcements:**

~President Hank Campbell reported that 30 Rotarians from District 6490 attended a leadership meeting in Urbana with District Governor Larry Howell, including Art Drake.

~District 6490 Double Point Matching Campaign for Paul Harris Awards is in effect for only a few more days, through January 31, 2018. RLI training is coming up February 10 in Decatur.

~Art Drake shared with us what the NCHS Interact Club has planned – monthly "Games With Seniors" at Meadows at Mercy Creek. The activity is just what it sounds like: Playing board games and socializing with Meadows residents. A nice activity.

~Becky Goeckner has spoken with Mildred Criado of the Ponce, Puerto Rico El Vigia Rotary Club. She is still waiting to hear back about their club's relief project priorities.

~Sherry Hawkins, President-Elect is looking ahead to July 1<sup>st</sup> when she becomes our club President. She asked all of us to let her know of any ideas or suggestions that we might have with regard to service projects, social activities, fund-raising, etc.



Becky Goeckner



Sherry Hawkins



**Program:**

A trio of leaders from the McLean County Health Department were

our presenters. Camille Rodriguez is the recently-named Director of the Department. A native of Wisconsin, she feels quite welcomed in Illinois, and spoke of the Department's focus on preventative care. Lisa Slater, Public Health Communications Specialist, directed our attention to a 12 page flyer describing the Department's diverse services.



Camille Rodriguez




Lisa Slater



Sue Grant

The bulk of the program was given by Sue Grant, RN and Supervisor of Community Health Services. She focused on flu. Influenza (not to be confused with “stomach flu”) is a viral respiratory illness, characterized by rapid onset of symptoms like cough, sore throat, body aches and fever. It is much more sudden and extreme than the common cold, extremely contagious for up to 7 days, and potentially fatal if allowed to weaken the victim for bronchitis or pneumonia. Ms. Grant spoke about the preventive techniques of “cover, clean and contain,” and STRONGLY urged us all to get a flu shot (available at the County Health Department, as well as all primary care physicians and most pharmacies.) Everybody should get a shot every year, especially if you are around vulnerable or contagious loved ones (grandchildren!), and there’s still time to get a shot before January/February, the period of heaviest flu activity.

**Hanks’ Thought for the Day:** *“Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly.”* --Martin Luther King, “Letter From Birmingham Jail, 1963”

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