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Wednesday, January 10, 2018

Meet at ISU Bone Student Center

Greeters: Robert Porter & Matt Riehle

Lottery: Rob Cranston & Steve Dobski

Wednesday, January 17, 2018

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Greeters: Bill Rolley & Gordon Ropp

Lottery: Art Drake & Paul Enchelmayer



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President Hank Campbell opened the Jan. 3, 2018, meeting of the Normal Rotary Club at 12:12. After reminding us to offer Normal Rotarians Don Rutledge and Ron Pacha our thoughts and prayers, Hank gave the first reflection/invocation of the new year, listing many Rotary projects for which we can be thankful and urging us to make good choices in the weeks and months ahead.

Your Spoke Reporter was standing next to Ray Ropp during the singing of "My Country 'Tis of Thee." Nevertheless, it seemed as if Connie Gentry did a fine job of leading the rest of the Club in the song.

Guests: Only two of our four January students were able to make the meeting (school not yet being in session for them), but we were pleased to meet Lauren Seaver from the BACC and U High, who will be majoring in kinesiology, and Lydia Spychalla from NCWHS, whose intention of attending the U of I was enthusiastically supported.

Induction: Gordon Bidner officiated in the new/renewed membership of Fred Hahn, a just-retired engineering professor at the U of I who had been a member of the NRC a decade ago. Fred said that in retirement he missed the excitement of 47,000 students and "creative things," and was looking forward to finding some of that excitement in club service. Drake Zimmerman, Fred's sponsor, said that he is both "creative and grounded."



Fred Hahn

Mystery Host: Dale Strassheim awarded the \$2 bill to Nancy Steele Brokaw for her "creative ways."

Judge: John E. Bishop conducted our monthly Rotary Member Trivia Contest, with Bayo Adanri, Greg Anvick and Mark Jontry as the "mysterious personages." Only one table of seven were able to successfully sort out the facts:

Mark worked at a veterinarian clinic in high school.

Bayo's favorite leisure activity is "driving."
Greg visited India on a Group Study Exchange in 1987.

Greg spoke briefly about his District 6490-sponsored participation in that GSE. He was one of 6 team members for what he said was a "life-changing, eye-opening" experience which included the Taj Mahal, the streets and schools of Bombay/Mumbai, and a polio clinic. Both of his kids became Rotary exchange students as a result, and Greg became interested in his own Rotary membership.

Lottery: This week's winner of the \$38 pot was Tom Gibson, who drew the 5 of Spades, four too high to win the \$970 pot. Only 6 cards left in the deck! Tom had purchased 9 tickets to come up with his winning one. (Is that enough numbers for you?)

Happy fines: Gene Gudeman and Gordy Ropp were both happy about new grandsons (two, in Gene's case) born just before Christmas. Drake Zimmerman was happy that "Fred is back," and to learn that Dwight Eisenhower promoted golf courses as well as interstate highway construction. Drake is happy to be learning new things all the time.



Drake Zimmerman

Announcements:

--President Hank reminded us that the next club meeting, January 10, will be back in our original location in the Circus Room. No one was quite sure which entrance to the Bone Student Center is available; probably a good idea to leave some extra time for travel next week.

--On January 9 (Tuesday) at 7:15, 100 Caring Adults are needed to fill the hallways of Oakdale Elementary. A sign up sheet was passed around.

--District 6490 Double Point Matching Campaign for Paul Harris Awards is in effect through January 31, 2018. Talk to Drake Zimmerman for more information, or check your District Newsletter.

--In the most recent issue of that newsletter is a nice article about Becky Goeckner and the Ponce/Puerto Rico project she's spearheading. Also, in Tuesday's (Champaign-Urbana) News-Gazette, there was a story about the international travels of Natalie Bidner (Gordon's granddaughter and our guest in December 2017).

--Sherry Hawkins announced that there will be a new member orientation on February 7.

---Linda Healy reminded the Club that many interesting facts about our members have not surfaced, because many members have not taken the Trivia Quiz/Member Survey. There's a link to the survey on the front page of the club website



Linda Healy



Marcia Dennis is pleased
With her purchase of a flashlight.

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), and Linda would also be happy to give you an analog (i.e., paper) copy.

--Marcia thanked John A. Bishop and Gene Gudeman for putting up all the Rotary banners at the Alumni Center during our tenure there.

Birthday Auction: There was some more rousing singing for the four Normal Rotarians who have birthdays this month, including Ed Tanton, Art Drake, Don Rutledge and Fred Hahn. Gordy conducted a lively auction that included moscato, a ticket and parking pass to an ISU basketball game, a \$20 bill, and a “virtually indestructible” flashlight that obtained the highest bid of the group at \$35.



Art Drake



Hank Campbell & Gordon Ropp

Thought For the Day:

“Each new year, we have before us a new book containing 365 blank pages. Let us fill them with all the forgotten things from last year – the words we forgot to say, the love we forgot to show, the charity we forgot to offer.”

--Peggy Toney Horton

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