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Wednesday, February 14, 2018

Meet at ISU Bone Student Center

Greeters: David Taylor & Ron Timmerman

Lottery: Sherry Hawkins & Linda Healy

Wednesday, February 21, 2018

Meet at ISU Bone Student Center

Greeters: Carson & Iris Varner

Lottery: Scott Ice & Gene Jontry



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Hank Campbell

President Hank Campbell rang the Bell @ 12:05 and welcomed us all to the February 7th meeting of the Normal Rotary Club! Once again, he asked for thoughts and prayers for Don Rutledge

The Reflection/Invocation was given by Rob Cranston (thank you for giving an invocation that was all encompassing and everyone could appreciate!) followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and "My Country Tis of Thee"



Rob Cranston

Our Greeters were MIA so Hank took over the duties, thanks Hank! The Lottery was run by Gene Gudeman who passed on the knowledge to our newest member Fred Hahn.

February Students-of-the-Month:

- U-High: Alena Culbertson, she is undecided as to which college, but knows she wants to major in Math and go on someday to teach at a university
- BACC: Aaron Steiner- is from the El Paso/Gridley area and has plans to take a year off then go to Heartland and get a construction degree
- NCHS: Yates McLaughlin- has big plans of a political career, starting at the local level in Michigan and working his way to President!
- NCWHS: Natalie Clark, was not able to join us this week.



Alena Culbertson



Aaron Steiner



Yates McLaughlin

Today's **Judge** was John E Bishop. The **Mystery Host** was Fred Hahn (aka Boxing champion). He gave the \$2 to Gene Gudeman for his outstanding info regarding lottery teachings. The \$10 in today's **Lottery** was won by Gene Jontry. He drew the 4 of hearts, and so did not win the big pot of \$110.



John E. Bishop



Fred Hahn
& Gene Gudeman



Gene Jontry

Judge John E. Bishop collected fines from everyone who did NOT sit in the empty front row seats. After that he asked for Happy Fines. We weren't a particularly happy group seeing as the weather outside was cold and snowy!

The one **Happy Fine** was actually a paid announcement from Larissa McIlvain regarding the Challenger Learning Center FunnyRaiser which will take place at the HCC Campus Cafe on Friday, February 27, 2015 from 6-9 p.m. Join us as local, amateur comedians compete for your laughs and against each other to raise money for the Challenger Learning Center's Scholarship Fund. Get your laugh on and support mission scholarships for local K-12 schools.

The event begins at 6 p.m. Dine on Italian beef, pizza, pasta and salad from Rosati's of Normal; bid on items during the Silent Auction; and enjoy a cash bar. At 7 p.m. the first comedian hits the stage (figuratively not literally...we hope) and the laughs don't stop until 9 p.m.

Awards will be given for Judges' Favorite and Crowd Favorite (You can use coins, bills, checks and credit cards to cast your vote for your favorite comedian - all to benefit the mission scholarship fund!). You will also have a chance to be in the spotlight and share your best joke in an attempt to win over the crowd for your very own award.



Larissa McIlvain

Announcements:

- Leadership meeting with District Governor Larry Howell in Urbana this Saturday.
- PETS training Feb 10, 2018 in Decatur.
- Cajun Craze Fundraiser by Daybreak Rotary will be held on May 5th at the Corn Crib.



February Birthday Auction:

In attendance were Alan Chapman and Art Runyon; the only two of the five members with February birthdays that were present.

President Hank Campbell presented each of them with birthday balloons. Art Runyon let us know that he will be 90 years young this month!

Congratulations Art!



Hank Campbell & Gordon Ropp



Program:

Kristen Gillespie, the ISU woman's basketball coach was our guest speaker. Kristen was hired by ISU last April and is only the 8th women's BB coach at ISU. She came from Division II Lewis University where she had a 51-12 record in 2 years and was the 2016 Coach of the Year and the IBCA Division II coach of the year.



Kristen Gillespie

ISU women are 10-12 right now and are improving each day. ISU has a very strong defense (#6 in the country) but is working on the admittedly weak offense. Along with technical skills Coach Gillespie's team is working on creating a great culture that is selfless, gritty and is focused on leadership and service.

The average GPA of the girls is 3.33 and 3 of the 14 have a perfect 4.0. There are 5 awesome recruits coming in next year, 3 have a 4.0 GPA and 2 have a 3.5 GPA. When recruiting future players, her team looks at each one's skill, character and academics.

Hanks' Thought for the Day:

"What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make"
Jane Goodall



Celebrate 10 years of laughs for the Challenger Learning Center!

Local amateur comedians will have you laughing all night long in this 10th anniversary edition of the CLC Funnyraiser featuring some of our favorites from the past facing off against this year's new comedians:

All-Stars	vs.	Rookies
Justin Boyd		Frank Hoffman
Mark Peterson		Jim Sikes
Rick Pearce		Amanda Wycoff

Friday, February 23, 2018
at Heartland's Campus Café
6-9 p.m.

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and Crowd Favorite Contest**

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\$35 at the door
Buy your tickets today at hccfoundation.org
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