



## The Normal Spoke

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### Wednesday, March 14, 2018 - Meeting will be at the Normal Public Library in the Basement Community Room

Greeters: Bayo Adanri and Todd Anderson

Lottery: Vandana Naik & Robert Porter

Program: Mark Petersen, retiring Normal City Manager

### Wednesday, March 21, 2018

#### Meet at ISU Bone Student Center

Greeters: Greg Anvick & Bruce Bergethon

Lottery: Matt Riehle & Bill Rolley

Program:



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Hank Campbell

President Hank Campbell opened the first March NRC meeting at 12:10 with the question of whether we had come “as a Lion or a Lamb.”

After we greeted each other, Hank dedicated the invocation to our memories of 30-year member Don Rutledge, who after an 8-month long struggle, succumbed to pancreatic cancer on Tuesday at 1:03 p.m. at his home. Dick Wagner, whose Presidential year followed Don’s, remembered him as helpful with poinsettias and District Conference registration, in addition to being a great mentor. Marcia Dennis spoke of Don as “such a gentleman,” while Connie Gentry praised him as “organized and gracious” in his work with the District.



Elleke Mesdag and President Hank testified to Don’s work with our poinsettia fundraiser. Alan Chapman recalled his relationship with both Don and his wife Nan, dating back to when the Rutledge children were students in Unit 5. Don will be much missed, and those of us who knew him are grateful for having made the acquaintance of such a stellar Rotarian.



Don Rutledge

Though no one had been designated as song-leader, we sang a passable version of “My Country Tis of Thee.”

**Guests** included Jake Stern and Mahmoud Aly, two ISU students from the Friday Night Live organization at ISU, a student group facilitating cultural understanding among international and “native” students. Larissa McIlvain introduced her husband, Nathan who came to enjoy lunch with her.



Jake Stern



Mahmoud Aly



Nathan & Larissa McIlvain

**March Students-of-the-Month:**

We had a full complement of high-school Students of the Month. Robert Porter, filling in for John E. Bishop, introduced Alyssa Cattaneo of Normal Community High School; she plans to attend ISU and major in elementary education. Connie Gentry welcomed both Jordan Blythe of U High, who plans to major in communication and political science at an as-yet-unidentified school (9-12 pending applications!), and Danielle Cross of NCWHS, who's going to West Point as the first step in a career arc that will include armed services and then (retired) missionary doctor. Finally, Iris Varner introduced BACC student Jorri Sandage, active in both music and track, who will be attending Illinois Wesleyan, with no declared major, so far.



Robert Porter & Alyssa Cattaneo



Jordan Blythe & Sherry Hawkins



Danielle Cross & Connie Gentry



Iris Varner & Jorri Sandage

**Birthday auction:** Only one of our four March birthdays was in attendance. We sang a Happy Birthday to Becky Goeckner, whose Ivy Lane cookies were auctioned by Gordy Ropp, and won by Iris Varner.

There were 3 books at the head table, not for the auction but for the purpose of allowing Marcia Dennis an opportunity to talk about March as Literacy Month. To participate, bring a book (especially a "board book" appropriate for preschoolers) during the month; if you forget, empty the cash in your pocket into a box that Marcia will provide.



Auctioneer Gordon Ropp



Ringman Ray Ropp

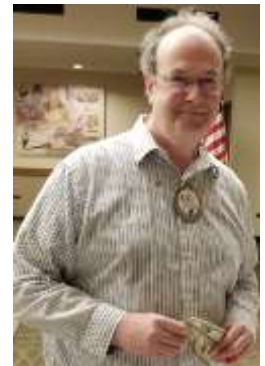


Ringman Gene Gudeman



Gordon Ropp & Art Drake

**Mystery Host** Art Drake, aka Mr. Congeniality, awarded the \$2 bill to Gordy Ropp for consistently “making the most of the auction.” Eerily, Art also won \$11 in this week’s **raffle**. He was unable to pocket the \$167 in the Big Pot, however, as he drew the 9 of Hearts, not the Ace of Spades.



Art Drake

**Judge:** Larissa McIlvain conducted our monthly Member Trivia Quiz. While we were filling out forms, she fined all U of I fans for losing last week’s Big Ten basketball contest with Iowa, and also fined all of those (many, many) members who have not filled out the member survey.

You can avoid future fines by going to the “member survey” link at the Normal Rotary Club website, [www.normalrotary.org](http://www.normalrotary.org).



Alan Chapman, Linda Healy, & Dianne Schultz

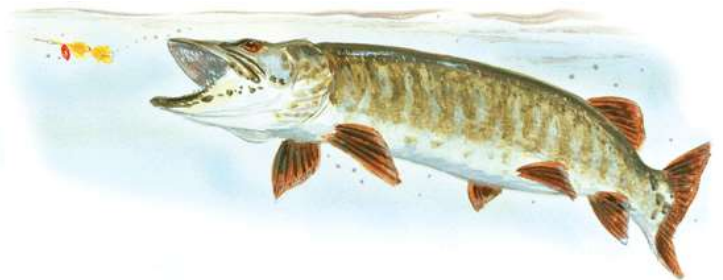
In the meantime, most tables were correctly identifying the following member facts:

Alan Chapman is the Chair of Trustees for his church.

Linda Healy had a story about her dad published in the Chicago Herald.

Dianne Schultz avidly fishes for Muskie.

Diane spoke briefly about her Muskie enthusiasm, calling it “the experience of a lifetime.” She claims to have cast about a thousand times for every Muskie she’s ever caught (and then released.) She usually fishes with her husband in Northern Wisconsin. She learned fishing from her Dad near Lake Shelbyville using a cane pole and bobber. Now she enjoys fishing with her whole family, including grandchildren – she calls it a “good workout and family activity.”





Connie Gentry

Connie Gentry gave a report on Coats for Kids, a collaborative effort with Unit 5 that the Normal Rotary Club, under Connie's leadership, has pursued for 10 years. The 2017/18 year saw a high of 1,102 coats purchased from contributions of over \$14,000 to the Normal Rotary Foundation. This year, Coats for Kids has provided 553 coats and 970 pairs of mittens and gloves.



In the first installment of what will be a multi-part new member orientation and "old member refresher," Marcia Dennis passed out a manual/new member packet put together by former President Jim Rosenlund and John A. Bishop. It covers the mission and purpose of Rotary, as well as very specific information about customs and committee work of the Normal Rotary Club.

Marcia pointed out our new members for the last year: Greg Anvick and Paul Enchelmayer (who both joined in April 2017), Tom Gibson (7/17), Dianne Schultz (12/17) and Fred Hahn (1/18.) Scott Ice also became a new member this last year but was absent from this week's meeting.



Greg Anvick



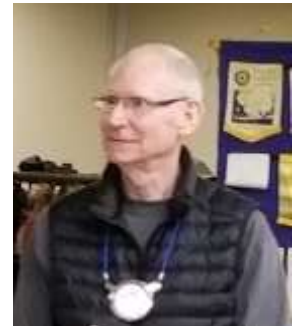
Paul Enchelmayer



Tom Gibson



Dianne Schultz



Fred Hahn

**Announcements:**

--Gene Jontry called for nominations for the Jim Collie Vocational Service and the Jack Wilz Public Health and Safety awards. Both honor community members who have served, in recognition of the great work of two departed Normal Rotarians.

--President Hank Campbell reminded us that next week's meeting will be at the Normal Public Library, with lunch from Jason's Deli, and a program featuring soon-to-be-retired, long-time Normal Town Manager Mark Peterson.

**Hanks' Thought for the Day:** *"It is a wholesome and necessary thing for us to turn again to the earth, and in the contemplation of her beauties to know of wonder and beauty."*

*--Rachel Carson*

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