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April Birthdays – Please bring a gift for the Birthday Auction.

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Wednesday, April 4, 2018

Meet at ISU Bone Student Center

Greeters: John E. Bishop & Nancy Brokaw

Lottery: Jim Rosenlund & Dianne Schultz

Invocation: Art Runyon

Program: Club Business & Birthday Auction

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

Meet at ISU Bone Student Center

Greeters: Dayna Brown-Nielsen & Angie Bubon

Lottery: Dale Strassheim & Ed Tanton

Invocation: Becky Goeckner

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Hank Campbell

President Hank Campbell opened the meeting at 12:10. He suggested that we mention a book we remember from our childhood (going with the March Literacy theme) as we greeted each other. Of those I greeted, "Bambi" seemed the most popular choice; personally, I remember "My First Book of Dinosaurs."

Connie Gentry gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, and a fine version of "My Country 'Tis of Thee," led by Matt Wyss.



Connie Gentry



Kennedy, Stephanie & Payton

Guests:

There were no visiting Rotarians, but Stephanie McLellan was pleased to introduce her two very lovely daughters, Payton (12) and Kennedy (8). They were on spring break and happy to join Mom for lunch out.



U-High's Jordan Blythe, the only one of our students-of-the-month not on spring break, recounted how happy she had been during March to encounter "established individuals" (I think this was a very nice way of saying "old people") who are willing to give their time to service; she found this very reaffirming of her own commitment to a life of community engagement.



Jordan Blythe



Matt Wyss & Paul Enchelmayer

Mystery Host: Matt Wyss, fulfilling his second ceremonial role with aplomb, awarded the \$2 bill to Paul Enchelmayer for "filling in the seat next to him."

Lottery: \$15 was won by Drake Zimmerman, who drew the 7 of Spades, not low enough to pocket the additional \$170.



Drake Zimmerman

Judge: Larissa McIlvain, filling in for John E. Bishop, immediately opened the floor for what turned out to be a smattering of happy fines. Greg Anvick was pleased that his grandson called him and asked if he could come over to play Legos with him. Drake Zimmerman, using what he called his "ill-gotten gains" from winning the lottery, acknowledged with gratitude the way Becky Goeckner had helped shelter him from the bad weather during last Saturday's March For Our Lives. And President Hank recounted how on the way home from picking his son up at the Peoria International Airport he had helped pull a car out of Saturday's snow. The car turned out to be that of a rural neighbor. Hank's good deed was to be repaid later that same day by the same neighbor plowing Hank and Mary's driveway.



Greg Anvick



Drake Zimmerman & Hank Campbell

Announcements:



- Marcia Dennis thanked people for bringing in 50 books this month for the literacy project, plus \$145 in cash emptied into the table boxes. Additional donations are also gratefully accepted by a check made payable to the Normal Rotary Foundation with the notation "literacy." All proceeds from the Rotary excursion to see the Cubs play the Cards in St. Louis June 17th will also go to literacy.
- "Cheers to 5 Years," a celebration of Daybreak Rotary Club (sponsored by the NRC) is coming up April 5th from 5 to 7 pm at Jazz Upfront, 107 W. Front St., Bloomington. There will be live music, light hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar.
- Hank announced that there will be Board meeting next week. Also next week we should have a super birthday auction, with 12 birthdays of NRC members in April (none on April Fool's day, however.) Remember to bring an auction item, Linda Healy!

Program:

Program: Marcus Alouan, director of the Gamma Phi Circus at ISU (the oldest, and arguably the best, college circus in the US) gave an informational and exciting talk on Gamma Phi's history and achievements. The Circus was founded in 1929 by Clifford "Pop" Horton, who served as its director until 1947; Marcus is the seventh director, in what he said was a happy career path after studying math education and bio-mechanics at ISU from 1996 to 2001 and later as a graduate student. He has a full time staff of 4, including new artistic director Ivan Stoinev and his wife (and assistant GPC coach) Maritza Atayde. Both of them have long family heritages in the circus business.



Marcus Alouan



Marcus showed pictures and gave descriptions of some of the many acts performed by the 80-90 student members of the Circus, including familiar acts like high wire, silks, hand balancing, unicycles and juggling. There were also relatively exotic acts such as "acro sport," multi-trapeze, German wheel, wall trampoline and teeterboard. Alumni of the Circus include multiple German Wheel award winners like Ed Campbell and Cornell Freeney, Jr.; current members include outstanding jugglers Kyle Wilfinger and Christopher Stoinev.

The Circus' next performances in this, their 85th season, are Friday, April 20 at 700 pm, and Saturday, April 21 at 100 and 700 pm.

None of these circus performers, however, can hold a candle to former NRC President Jim Rosenlund, who, at the urging of Gordon Bidner, treated us to the spectacle of three outstanding one-handed pushups in conjunction with Marcus to conclude the show. Pictured below are two of those pushups. We hope to have a video of Jim and Marcus' performance available on our club's website: <http://www.normalrotary.org/>



Hanks' Thought for the Day:

*"We do not need magic to change the world.
We carry all the power we need inside ourselves already:
We have the power to imagine better."
--J.K. Rowling, author*

Invocation Schedule:

April 4, 2018: Art Runyon
April 11, 2018: Becky Goeckner
April 18, 2018: Stephanie McClellan
April 25, 2018: Gene Jontry

May 2, 2018: Gordon Ropp
May 9, 2018: Bill Rolley
May 16, 2018: Ryan Fleming
May 23, 2018: Matt Riehle
May 30, 2018: Gordon Bidner

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