



## The Normal Spoke

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### Wednesday, April 11, 2018

#### Meet at ISU Bone Student Center

Greeters: Dayna Brown-Nielsen & Angie Bubon

Lottery: Dale Strassheim & Ed Tanton

Invocation: Becky Goeckner

### Wednesday, April 18, 2018

#### Meet at ISU Bone Student Center

Greeters: Bill Caisley & Jason Chambers

Lottery: David Taylor & Ron Timmerman

Invocation: Stephanie McClellan



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Hank Campbell

President Hank Campbell opened our Club Business meeting at 12:10. With a dozen Rotary birthdays in April, he suggested that we wish each other "happy birthday" as we greeted each other. He also noted that there are no April Fools in the group since no one was born on the 1<sup>st</sup>.

Art Runyon gave the invocation, followed by an eventually harmonized version of "My Country 'Tis of Thee," led by ISU President Larry Dietz, who admittedly had made no promises.



There were no visiting Rotarians, but we were pleased to see long-absent NRC members Kathy Alexander, Bill Semlak (back from Texas), and the aforementioned President Larry D.

Two of our four Students of the Month were in attendance. Fred Hahn introduced Olympia High School senior, and BACC representative, Xian Graden. Xian is doing welding at BACC, and plans to attend Heartland to get his certification in HVAC. Becky Goeckner hosted Katie Froelich from NCHS. Katie's intention is to attend Cornerstone University in Grand Rapids, MI, where she will follow an interest in youth ministry growing out of her positive experiences at Eastview Christian Church.



Fred Hahn  
& Xian Graden



Becky Goeckner & Katie Froelich



Sherry Hawkins & Marcia Dennis

**Mystery Host:** Sherry Hawkins awarded the \$2 bill to Marcia Dennis for “being there every day.”

**Lottery:** \$12 was won by Nancy Brokaw, who drew the 8 of Diamonds, rolling over the \$201 Big Pot.

**Judge:** Bruce Bergethon fined those who had not filled out the Rotary Questionnaire (surprisingly including our President). Bruce then acknowledged happy fines from Iris Varner, Greg Anvick, Linda Healy, and Larry Dietz.



Nancy Brokaw



Bruce Bergethon

Lastly Judge Bruce introduced the three NRC members for our monthly Trivia Quiz: Fred Hahn, Jim Rosenlund and Becky Goeckner. One of them identified their favorite food as Chinese vegetable lo mein (Becky); one loves to read fantasy and sci-fi novels (Jim); and Fred’s favorite leisure activities include stained glass, opera and steampunk.



Becky Goeckner, Fred Hahn & Jim Rosenlund



Fred Hahn

As fines were collected from those who couldn’t match the facts with the Rotarians, Fred explained steampunk. He described it as “a future past that never was,” drawing on the imagery of HG Wells and the Wild Wild West, to fuel images of what would have happened if we never technologically advanced beyond steam. Fred, apparently known in local steampunk circles as Professor Stoneboard, talked a little about his role “judging beards” in the upcoming Cogs and Corsets weekend (June 1-3 in downtown Bloomington); find out more at [www.CogsandCorsetsIL.com](http://www.CogsandCorsetsIL.com).



**Birthday auction:** Seven of the dozen NRC members whose birthdays fall in April were present, and brought an interesting assortment of items to be auctioned. Our two Students of the Month joined perennial ringmen Ray Ropp and Gene Gudeman on the floor. Almost all of the birthday items fetched prices in excess of \$25, including Lindt truffles won by Art Drake; wine glasses to Bill Caisley; a bottle of Newman’s Own Cabernet taken home by Greg Anvick; a floral wall ornament claimed by Bill Semlak; a 43 piece toolkit to Gene Jontry; a variety of Ropp Cheeses (won by 6 people, briefly interrupted by a bagpipe joke from indefatigable auctioneer Gordy Ropp); and a “totally waterproof” Rotary umbrella that went to Larry Dietz.



Gordon Ropp



Art Drake



Bill Caisley



Greg Anvick



Bill Semlak



Gene Jontry



Larry Dietz

### **Announcements:**

- Marcia Dennis thanked people for bringing in 65 books this month for the literacy project, plus \$337 in contributions, exceeding last year's \$250. 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) was coming up April 5th from 5 to 7 pm at Jazz Upfront, 107 W. Front St., Bloomington.
- Also coming up is Cajun Craze on May 5th at the Corn Crib. A Normal Daybreak event, the Craze is a benefit for Friends Forever, whose 2018 delegation arrives on June 28th.



Marcia Dennis

### **Program:**

Marcia Dennis continued her seminar combining "new member orientation" with "old member reminders" about the Only Normal Rotary Club in the World. She introduced the new members, and then the current Officers and the Board of Directors.

Incoming President Sherry Hawkins spoke about her intention to focus on new community service projects. Public Relations Director Larissa McIlvain spoke about the Spoke, and described her committee's attention to Facebook updates, the Club website, and press releases to the District and the news media.



Angie Bubon

Angie Bubon, the Director of Foundation & International/Youth projects, said our club was at about 86% of our 2017/2018 goal of raising \$7000. She described three global grants (Kenya, Uganda and India) in progress. Giving opportunities were also described by Alan Chapman. He talked about Every Rotarian, Every Year, the sustaining membership of \$100/year, Paul Harris Fellows (those who have given \$1000 or more), and the Paul Harris Society (those who give \$1000 every year; we have 8 members in our Club at that level.)



Alan Chapman

Marcia concluded by describing how our \$50/month dues are allocated - \$32 goes for our lunches, \$5 to Rotary International, \$4 for District 6490 dues, and \$9 for Club expenses. She described our current 68 members as a "good number," but "we could always have more."

**Hanks' Thought for the Day:**

*"Where the whole world is silent, even one voice becomes powerful."*  
 Malala Yousafzai, the youngest Nobel Prize winner (at 17), from Pakistan

**Invocation Schedule:**

- 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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