



## The Normal Spoke

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**Wednesday, May 9, 2018**

**Meet at ISU Bone Student Center  
Student Scholarship Luncheon**

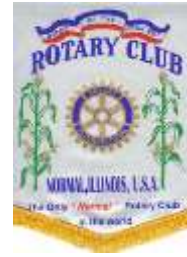
**Wednesday, May 16, 2018**

**Meet at ISU Bone Student Center**

Greeters: Paul Enchelmayer & Ryan Fleming

Lottery: Matt Wyss & Drake Zimmerman

Invocation: Ryan Fleming



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Nobody announced it, but May 2 seemed to be Gordon Ropp Day at the Normal Rotary Club. Gordon gave the invocation, led the singing, led the Pledge of Allegiance, won the day's drawing AND conducted the birthday auction. If Gordon had been sick that day, we would've been lost.

Guests and Visiting Rotarians: None.

### Announcements:

- Next week is Normal Rotary's scholarship lunch. Come ready to honor our students.
- Oakdale Promise Council held its VISION Field Trip on May 2 at the Redbird Arena. They were introduced to many ISU staff members who described their careers and all they do to keep ISU humming along.
- Normal Rotary helped pay for T-shirts for Oakdale's fifth grade science students to wear at an Energy Fair.



- Tickets are available Rotary Day at the Cardinals-Cubs game in St. Louis June 17.



- Bill Semlak says Normal Rotary will do the Adopt A Highway clean-up at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 12. A sign-up sheet will circulate next week.



- Our club will present an ice cream social May 15 at the McLean County Nursing Home.

- The Friends Forever delegation will be here July 5-19.



- Rotary District 6490 will hold a training session for future club leaders from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 19 at Carle Hospital. Fred Hahn will attend and would like to carpool with anyone who is interested.



- Members of Normal Rotary will join other Rotarians in carrying flags at the Memorial Day Parade May 28.



- Normal Rotary will hold Rural-Urban Night at Ropp Jersey Cheese on June 13.



**Mystery Host:** Gene Jontry presented the \$2 to Alan Chapman, who is technically retired, but doesn't seem to be very good at it, judging from all his community service.

**Lottery:** As mentioned, Gordon Ropp won the day's pot of \$16 but failed to win the big \$251 prize, which will be bigger next week.



**Judge:** John E. Bishop dispensed justice. Elleke Mesdag was fined for a picture in the El Paso Journal in which she was not wearing a Rotary pin.



#### Happy Fines:

- Gene Jontry paid \$5 per decade in honor of his 50 years of marriage to Diane.
- Becky Goeckner was happy that her granddaughter Ivy earned a role in the summer Normal Parks & Rec play, 7 Brides for 7 Brothers.
- Bill Sendlak was happy about the nice weather.
- Marcia Dennis was happy that her husband is doing better after his diagnosis of Parkinsons.

#### Birthday auction:

Gordon Ropp raked in the dough by auctioning off two bottles of wine, a Cubs poster, a golf picture and a Rotary International clock. This week, Gordon used "knife fight rules," which meant that there were no rules. Counting on our attention spans to wander, Gordon occasionally assigned random fictitious bids to random "bidders" as he begged, wheedled, cajoled and groveled for higher bids. It seemed to work, although the going rate for a bottle of wine seems lower than usual. Are some of us going on the wagon? Could this cause long-term damage to club revenues?



**Hanks' Thought for the Day:** Habits to extend life by 10-14 years for those over 50. So what are those five habits?

- Eating healthy.
- Exercising regularly.
- No smoking.
- Drink alcohol moderately.
- Maintain a healthy weight.

*"We want you to continue to be longer term Normal Rotarians."*

**Invocation Schedule:**

May 16, 2018: Ryan Fleming

May 23, 2018: Matt Riehle

May 30, 2018: Gordon Bidner


**Dates to Remember:**

Wednesday, May 9 – Student Scholarship Luncheon

Tuesday, May 15 – Serve Ice Cream at McLean County Nursing Home; 5:00 to 7:00 PM

Wednesday, June 13 – Rural Urban Night at the Ropp's; 6:00; No noon meeting that day

Sunday, June 17 – St. Louis, Cubs vs. Cardinals

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