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Wednesday, May 30, 2018

Meet at ISU Bone Student Center

Greeters: Becky Goeckner & Gene Gudeman

Lottery: Bruce Bergethon & Gordon Bidner

Invocation: Gordon Bidner

Wednesday, June 6, 2018

Meet at ISU Bone Student Center

Greeters: Fred Hahn & Sherry Hawkins

Lottery: John A. Bishop & John E. Bishop



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Hank Campbell

President Hank Campbell convened the May 23, 2018, meeting of the Normal Rotary Club by recalling various achievements and milestones of this month of May -- including the fact that we will have five Rotary meetings this month. Matt Riehl presented the reflection and led the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of one verse of "My Country Tis of Thee".

Visiting Rotarian: Bill Wills of Bloomington Rotary. Bill announced that Bloomington Rotary will hold its pork chop dinner fundraiser will be held from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. June 14 on Bloomington's Square. He'll sell you some tickets if you insist.



Bill Wills



Rhada Rhadakrishna &
Surinder Sethi

Mystery Host: Surinder Sethi presented the \$2 to Rhada Rhadakrishna, who returned to our meetings after a lengthy 6 month absence.

Lottery: Ron Timmerman won the day's prize of \$16 but drew the wrong card and thus missed out on the \$282 Big Kahuna.



Ron Timmerman

Judge: Judge Bruce Bergethon noted that another judge, Rotarian Bill Caisley, officiated at the wedding of our guest speaker, Jessica Poppe 15 years ago. This inspired Bill to recall the time several years ago when he signed the divorce decree for another couple whose wedding he performed. The newly minted ex-husband mentioned something to Bill about a warranty of merchantability. At our meetings, we don't hear many anecdotes about warranties of merchantability.



Jessica Poppe & Judge Bill Caisley

Happy fines:

- Bill Semlak was happy about joining a few fellow Rotarians helping out at the Boys and Girls Clubs event.
- Becky Goeckner was happy be hosting the daughter of a student they hosted from Puerto Rico in 1991. Fabiola is a pre-vet student at Iowa State University and is doing an internship with Becky's husband at Town & Country Animal Hospital She also was happy about her granddaughter's performance of original music at the Chiddix Junior High School Talent Show.
- Dianne Schultz was happy about her 5 year old grandson winning a reading award and about helping at the Boys and Girls Club event.
- Alan Chapman was happy about the success of the Tee It Up for GFPD event. He'll have an expanded report on that soon.



Bill Semlak



Becky Goeckner



Dianne Schultz



Alan Chapman

- Ron Springer was happy that a tree and bench will be dedicated in honor of his late wife and his son at Heartland Community College.
- Bayo Adanri was happy that our club has many good candidates for the Hall of Honor.
- Hank was happy to have attended a wedding this weekend that did not include royalty.



Ron Springer



Bayo Adanri

Announcements:

- Join fellow Rotarians at the Memorial Day parade May 28. Line up on the north side of Grossinger Arena by 8:15-8:30 a.m. Wear your Rotary shirt and khaki pants.

- Art Drake asked any Rotarian who will attend this parade to take a few pictures which can be posted on Facebook and included in the Spoke.
- Rotary Family Day will be held June 17 in St. Louis at the Cubs vs. Cardinal game. Tickets are still available. The time has been changed to 7 p.m., we're told. Plan your day accordingly.
- The Friends Forever delegation will arrive July 5 and leave on July 19. They will visit our club July 18.
- Trees and benches will be dedicated on the Heartland Community College quad. The club bought a tree and bench, and Larissa McIlvain invited club members to stop by.
- Drake Zimmerman invited members to join the Rotary Action Group on Malaria. No charge, and you'd be welcome to attend the group's annual meeting in Toronto.

- The Ropps will host our Rotary Club starting at 6 p.m. June 13. The event will include judging of beef cattle and a quiz on ag issues. The speaker will be Rob Johnson, chair of the University of Illinois Animal Science Department.



Ray Ropp



Jessica Poppe

Program:

The speaker at our meeting was Jessica Poppe, manager of the Birth Center of Bloomington-Normal. The center was the site of its first birth on Oct. 26, 2016, and to date has seen 131 deliveries. The purpose of the Center is to provide parents with a joyful experience through the process of pregnancy, labor, birth and post-partum.

The facility provides a home-like setting with a living room and dining room. The center limits itself to low-risk pregnancies and works with OSF and OBGYNS and midwives to ensure safety. Only two birth centers are located in Illinois.

Hanks' Thought for the Day: *"The only process that comes close to the process of writing a whole book, in my experience, is childbirth. There is this moment when you think you can't possibly labour for another moment, and that, paradoxically, is when you have to push hardest."* --Alexandra Fuller, author

Invocation Schedule:

May 30, 2018: Gordon Bidner

Dates to Remember:

Monday, May 28 – Memorial Day Parade – march and carry US and military flags

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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