



## The Normal Spoke

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### Wednesday, September 26, 2018

Greeters: Rod Weigelmann & Matt Wyss

Lottery: Dianne Schultz & Bill Smlak

#### October Birthdays – Please bring a gift for the Birthday Auction

Ron Timmerman	6
Drake Zimmerman	7
Tom Gibson	11
Linda Healy	16
Angie Fulton	25
Rob Cranston	27



### Wednesday, October 3, 2018

Greeters: Drake Zimmerman & Bayo Adanri

Lottery: Surinder Sethi & Dale Strassheim

Program: Club Business & Birthday Auction

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Sherry Hawkins

President Sherry Hawkins convened the Sept. 19, 2018 meeting of the Normal Rotary Club. Kathy Alexander offered the reflection.

President Sherry extended our thoughts to the people and animals in the path of Florence, the storm that has caused havoc in the Southeast. Sherry reminded us that in times of disaster our money or volunteer efforts count for more than thoughts.

Sherry also shared facts about the wonders of coffee.



Jack Moody

**Guests:** Jack Moody, soon to be inducted as a new member and Gundula and Erland Douglas, visiting relatives from Scotland, guests of Iris Varner.



Gundula & Erland Douglas & Iris Varner

**Visiting Rotarian:** John Meek, Assistant Governor from the Bloomington Rotary Club.

Being “calendar challenged”, he made a “preview visit” before next week’s “official visit” with District Governor, Arlene Pennie.



**Announcements:**

- Hank Campbell will discuss Friends Forever during a panel discussion on peace to be held this weekend at Illinois Wesleyan University. Another topic at the conference will be the impact of the nuclear bombing at Hiroshima.
- Sherry ratted out Jim Rosenlund for playing in a band in front of a live audience without benefit of his Rotary pin. Jim plays guitar with the Jim Blossoms, a 1990s rock cover band.
- People who helped staff the bar at the Snoop Dogg concert last week discussed their experiences. Ron Timmerman, Dave Taylor and Jim Rosenlund all agreed that this was a fun event, that the crowd was well behaved and generous. The participating Rotary clubs will keep the tips and a percentage of the bar revenue.
- Our Oct. 10 meeting will be held at the Baby Fold at the former site of the Soldiers and Sailors Children’s Home, 612 Oglesby. The topic will be the Healthy Start program.
- The district conference organizers seek gift baskets for the silent auction. If you’re interested in organizing something let Sherry know.
- Stephanie McClellan reported that the morning coffee get-together attracted three of our finest Rotarians. Our members will have other chances to socialize in the months ahead. Stephanie would welcome feedback.
- Art Drake reminded members they could participate in the rewards program at Schnuck’s grocery stores and that the Normal Rotary Foundation would benefit.
- Stephanie McClellan said that Amazon has the Smile program which would also benefit the Normal Rotary Foundation.
- Marcia Dennis urged Rotarians to buy an ad in the Veterans Day One-on-One program booklet. If interested, talk to Marcia or John A. Bishop. Deadline for ads is Oct. 15. The event will be held Nov. 8 at the Double Tree. A sign-up sheet for the event will circulate in the coming weeks.



Elleke Mesdag & Hank Campbell

**Mystery Host:** Hank Campbell presented the \$2 to Elleke Mesdag in honor of her recovery from a car accident.

**Lottery:** John E. Bishop won the day’s prize of \$23 but drew a 4 of spades, missing out on the big – no, HUGE prize of \$473.



John E. Bishop with another selfie



Larissa McIlvain

**Judge:** Larissa McIlvain dinged everyone who failed to fill seats at the three front tables. She also got Hank Campbell for his picture in The Limited. He said he was wearing his Rotary pin but you couldn't see it because of his elaborate getup. The Judge then caught up with Jim Rosenlund who President Sherry had pointed out was on stage performing with a band without his pin on. Otherwise, we had some happy fines:

- Larissa was happy that Heartland Community College's Evening of Dreams raised \$36,000 for scholarships and student programs. She also kicked in \$10 to the Normal Rotary Foundation in honor of her and her husband's 10th wedding anniversary.
- Iris Varner was happy to have Elleke back with us.

- Linda Healy was happy that WGLT has candidate forums. See wgl.org for the schedule. Also she was happy that her two sisters-in-law in Richmond, Va., safe from Florence and safe despite three tornadoes.
- Bill Semlak was happy that his wife continues her recovery.
- Dianne Schultz was happy for the prospect of babysitting two active grandkids for the WHOLE weekend.
- Hank Campbell was happy that Brad and Jackie Dearing and their family safely survived the fire this week although nothing was left of their home.



Jim Rosenlund



Linda Healy



Bill Semlak



Dianne Schultz



Hank Campbell

**Speaker:** Oops. The speaker cancelled at the last minute. President Sherry Hawkins punted and asked the tables to chat and get to know each other. She provided some ice-breaker questions to help that process. The experiment was apparently a success as we grudgingly halted our conversations when Sherry called us back to order to offer her....

**Thought for the Day:**

*"Very little is needed to make a happy life, it is all within yourself, in your way of thinking."*

--Marcus Aurilius



Angie Bubon

The Photographer took a picture of Angie Bubon paying a Happy Fine, but the Reporter didn't catch what she said. But HEY! The Editor did! Angie and her husband celebrated their 1<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary! Congratulations!



And this editor heard that Angie did an awesome job as MC at Saturday night's Uptown Normal Oktoberfest! Thanks Angie!

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