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Wednesday, September 12, 2018

Greeters: Ron Timmerman & Carson Varner

Lottery: Bill Rolley & Gordon Ropp

Wednesday, September 19, 2018

Greeters: Iris Varner & Dick Wagner

Lottery: Ray Ropp & Jim Rosenlund



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President Sherry Hawkins convened the Sept. 5, 2018 meeting of the Normal Rotary Club. Becky Goeckner gave the reflection and asked for a moment of silence for Lindsey Glover, daughter of Rob and Barb Glover.

Guest: Jack Moody, guest of John E. Bishop. Jack is retired facilities manager for McLean County.

Student of the Month: John E. Bishop introduced Matt Trimble from the Bloomington Area Career Center, who is interested in a career in criminal justice.



John E. Bishop & Jack Moody



Matt Trimble & John E. Bishop



Rob Cranston & John E. Bishop



Mystery Host:

John E. Bishop presented the \$2 bill to Rob Cranston.



Lottery:

Connie Gentry won the \$17 weekly prize but missed out on the big prize of \$446, which will roll over.



Connie Gentry



Judge: Linda Healy started off the happy fines, being happy about a couple of things. Other happiness was reported by various people, including Dick Wagner for his best-ever golf score, Bill Rolley in observance of the last day of his 88th year and Carson Varner in celebration of his 87th semester with the university.



Linda Healy



Birthday Auction: Gordon Ropp auctioned off wine and some Beer Nuts – a winning combination.

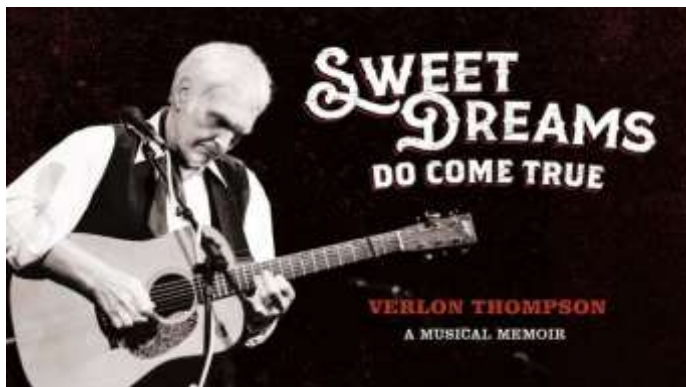
Announcements:

- Sherry Hawkins has been in touch with the McLean County Multi Cultural Leadership group about the possibility of educating their participants about Rotary. We may participate in their non-profit fair.
- At next month’s business meeting, we’ll hear about our club’s ongoing projects. This would be a good time to invite friends – ahem, and potential Rotarians – to learn about what we do.
- Sherry was pleased by the committee meetings that were held last month. We’ll do them again.
- We have some social events coming up, starting with a morning coffee gathering, 7-8:30 a.m. Sept. 18 Coffeehouse.
- Sherry mentioned a fund-raising opportunity, staffing the bar at a concert.
- Linda Healy said members of the Friends Forever delegation from last summer are back in Israel and are developing a service project to help kids who are ill.
- Dale Strassheim thanked our members who carried flags in the Labor Day parade.
- Scott Ice thanked those who have volunteered to help with the Oktoberfest.

Program: Dayna Brown-Nielsen introduced today’s guest speaker: Brent Simonds. Brent is a professor at the ISU School of Communications. He talked about “Sweet Dreams Do Come True,” his music performance film and documentary about singer and songwriter Verlon Thompson.



Dayna Brown-Nielsen



Brent Simonds

Brent describes Verlon Thompson as a “sweet, kind soul who dreamed big and is still dreaming.” For the film, Brent spent a lot of time with Verlon and interviewed his musical peers, including Sam Bush, Suzy Bogguss and Doug Crider. Verlon’s songs have been recorded by Dierks Bentley, Jamey Johnson, Miranda Lambert, Kenny Rogers, Randy Travis, and many more big-name artists.

Sweet Dreams Do Come True won best documentary feature at the Red Dirt International Film Festival, an Award of Excellence from the Broadcast Education Association, and was nominated for best music documentary at the Bare Bones International Film and Music Festival.

President Sherry Hawkins’ **Thought for the Day:**

“Your value does not decrease based on somebody’s inability to see your worth.” ---Unknown



You have been invited by Scott Ice to sign up for “Oktoberfest Gate Volunteer.” Please click on the LINK below to sign up or check the slot that you chose at the meeting. Please text Scott (248-207-7741) if you would like to switch slots or if you have any questions. If you would like to add an additional time slot, that can easily be done clicking on the link below.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0944a8ab2fa4f49-oktoberfest>

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