



# The Normal Spoke

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## 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

### Wednesday, October 10, 2018 – Meeting at the Baby Fold

Greeters: Kathy Alexander & Greg Anvick  
Lottery: David Taylor & Ron Timmerman  
Program: Healthy Start

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Sherry Hawkins

President Sherry Hawkins opened the meeting at 12:10. We were all “on stage” at Braden Auditorium.

Ray Ropp provided the invocation and then we had a version of “My Country ‘Tis of Thee” that was adequate, but (according to the President) not quite up to the acoustics of the venue.



**Guests** today included our speaker and current District 6490 Governor Arlene Pennie, with her husband, PDG Larry Pennie; John Meek from the Bloomington Rotary; Carol Ropp; Narinder Sethi; Iris and Carson Varner’s overseas visitors from Scotland, Gundula and Erland Douglas; and Carsten Albers, a German professor visiting the US, who was the guest of Becky Goeckner.



Arlene Pennie



Larry Pennie



John Meek



Carol Ropp



Narinder Sethi



Becky Goeckner & Carsten Albers

Sherry shared two riddle/jokes, both of which she said she had pre-tested on her nine year old daughter, who guessed half the punch lines. We were smarter than a 9 year old (I guess), with Angie Bubon providing the answer to the first riddle, and Greg Anvick to the second.



**Judge** David Taylor presided over the **Lottery**. Another relatively small pot, \$12, was won by Greg Anvick, who failed to duplicate his luck with the Big Pot, drawing the 6 of hearts. The big pot should be in excess of \$500 by next week.



Greg Anvick

**Judge** Taylor fined Rotarians pictured in the September Limited sans Rotary pins: Nancy Brokaw at the Lincoln Festival in July, and Dianne Schultz at the DEG event and the Women to Women Giving Circle. Steve Dobski, it was noted, appears on every other page of the magazine, and usually without pin. Drake Zimmerman should be applauded for his recognition by the League of Women’s Voters but fined for the article incorrectly stating that he was a past president of Rotary International!

Happy fines came from Bill Semlak, whose wife’s health is doing better; John Meek, glad to have “adequately scouted” last week for today’s visit from the DG; Narinder Sethi, who introduced herself; Carol Ropp, who was happy to be sitting next to Arlene, even though husband Ray, “for the sixth time,” forgot to introduce her; and Hank Campbell, who was happy to get through a long day Saturday, beginning with Habitat for Humanity, then including participation as a panelist in IWU’s Peace Conference, and ending up with the last shift at Oktoberfest.



Bill Semlak



John Meek



Hank Campbell



**Mystery Host:** Marcia Dennis awarded the \$2 bill to Arlene Pennie, who she predicted will be “the best District Governor ever.”

**Announcements:**

- President Sherry Hawkins asked all those who had helped at Oktoberfest to rise. Over half the Club was unseated. Angie Bubon, the event’s MC, thanked Scott Ice for his organization of the sponsorships and Ron Timmerman for his entrepreneurial creativity; Greg Anvick praised the generosity of the community attendees; and Ron Timmerman promised a report next week on the financial success of the day.



Angie Bubon



Ron Timmerman



Greg Anvick

- Next week’s business meeting will feature reports on 5 current club projects, including Coats for Kids, Oakdale Promise Council, Veteran’s One on One, Adopt-A-Highway and the Memorial/Labor Day parades. Bring a prospective member!
- The District 6490 Conference is October 19-20 at the Doubletree hotel. Please submit your registration if you are planning on attending.



Linda Healy

- Linda Healy talked about the local Promise Council’s successful qualification as one of only 40 projects awarded a \$25,000 grant from State Farm. She thanked the members of the Club for voting for the project, and supporting the Oakdale Promise Council.
- We were reminded that our October 10 meeting will be at the Baby Fold’s location on Oglesby. Dianne Schultz passed out maps of the location and the suggested parking areas.



Dianne Schultz



**Program:** Assistant District Governor John Meek introduced District Governor Arlene Pennie, acknowledging the rich history of DG’s in the Normal Club, including Clarence Ropp, Jack Wilz, George Wolf, Dick Wagner, Ray Ropp, Surinder Sethi and Gordon Bidner. Arlene is a Carlock native, a Redbird alum, a past teacher and CEO of the Illinois Reading Council. She has been active in District service prior to becoming DG, and had an opportunity to “apprentice” with husband Larry, who served as DG in 2013-2014. They have two adult children who live in Tennessee and Michigan.



Arlene Pennie

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Arlene's presentation used flower gardens as an analogy for Rotary Clubs. She compared club officers to perennials ("especially secretaries and treasurers"), those involved in community and club service to "attractive annuals" and "ground cover," and new members to the "new seeds that require special care." She noted that every garden, and Club, also has "weeds": those members who perhaps need a little attention to find a new connection to the ideals of Rotary.

Describing members as the most important part of Rotary, Arlene noted that US membership in Rotary is declining as it continues to grow internationally. She focused on the importance of balancing representation of professions, genders and ages. This year, District 6490 is rewarding clubs who grow their per-capita membership with a \$1000 incentive, distributed quarterly.

Training and education are important to Rotary's success. Arlene talked about opportunities including PETS (whose March 2019 meeting will feature a visit from incoming RI President Mark Maloney), RLI (coming up in February), and the October 2018 District Conference (register now!)

Continuing with the horticultural metaphors, Arlene described club projects as "flower bouquets," and noted that the District has had to increase its budget for club projects because of an increase in applications. Last year, the RI President challenged clubs to plant a tree per member; District 6490 exceeded this mandate by planting over 2100 trees, which she said will be enjoyed by future generations long after the current Rotary membership have passed along.

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

*"Autumn is a second spring, when every leaf is a flower." -Albert Camus*

**Oktoberfest  
Uptown Normal  
Saturday  
September 22**



Drake Zimmerman, Hank Campbell, Becky Goeckner, Matt Wyss & Dale Strassheim

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