



## The Normal Spoke

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### Wednesday, November 21, 2018 – Meet at ISU Alumni Center

Greeters: Andy Copenhaver & Rob Cranston

Lottery: John A. Bishop & John E. Bishop

### Wednesday, November 28, 2018

Greeters: Art Drake & Paul Enchelmayer

Lottery: Bill Caisley & Hank Campbell



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Sherry Hawkins

President Sherry Hawkins rang the bell and asked that everyone greet each other at 12:07 p.m. Dianne Schultz gave the invocation, followed by the club facing the flag and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and singing a great chorus of "My Country 'Tis of Thee".

Sherry offered no Bad Joke today saying that "*Absence makes the heart grow fonder!*" Instead she shared thoughts about the tragic fires in California and how they have had a devastating impact. Yet there is some related happy, positive news. Some "celeb" chefs such as Jose' Andres, Guy Fieri, (and Elon Musk who volunteered Tesla equipment for transportation) travelled to these areas to provide meals for those in need. Handwritten notes of encouragement have been written on the lunch bags for meal recipients. Also, animals are being rescued and taken care of in these fire areas.

Our **November Students of the Month** spoke about their extracurricular activities. In attendance were Gabriell O'Neal from the Bloomington Area Career Center; Addie Smith from Normal Community High School; and Calis Lim from University High School.



Becky Goeckner & Addie Smith



Gabriell O'Neal



Calis Lim

**Guests:** Rhonda Nievelt was invited to attend by Larissa McIlvain. Rhonda is the Normal Rotary Club Scholarship recipient and is a student at Heartland Community College studying anthropology. John A. Bishop had a whole table-full of guests from ARC (Activity & Recreation Center in Normal): his wife Nancy; Rick Lewis, retired Assistant Dean of Student Affairs at ISU; John Keller; Diana Keller; James Williams; and Jim Knightwright.



Rhonda Nievelt



John Keller, Diana Keller, John A. Bishop, Nancy Bishop, James Williams, & Jim Nightwright



Greg Anvick & Stephanie McClellan

Greg Anvick was the **Mystery Host**; he saw that Stephanie McClellan got the \$2.00 bill.

**Judge** David Taylor drew the red winning ticket held by our own Becky Goeckner. Becky drew the Ace of Clubs! (Close but no cigar. Still looking for the illusive Ace of Spades!!) The odds of someone winning the "big pot" increase again!



David Taylor



Becky Goeckner

**Happy Fines:** Bruce Bergethon (in absentia), Angie Bubon, Andy Copenhaver were forced to pay up by Judge David Taylor. However, David had a fine for himself as well. A sure sign that he's getting older - student of the month guest, Addie Taylor was once taught by him in the first grade Sunday School at Eastview Christian Church. Addie is now a Sunday School Teacher herself. But David is aging gracefully. He still remembered this student!! Angie Bubon announced that the Salvation Army's Red Kettle Drive is well under way. She encouraged us to volunteer some time ringing some bells. She's going to be quite busy leading up to the Christmas so we probably won't be seeing much of her in the coming weeks. Alan Chapman was happy that the contracts were signed by the City of Bloomington for Harmony Park making this a reality! Linda Healy was excited to have just completed her second week of employment working for Habitat for Humanity. She loves it! Dianne Schultz shared her happiness on the 25th Anniversary of the Festival of Trees and that November is National Adoption Month. The Baby Fold has received stories of blessings from adults who were adopted from the Baby Fold as babies or young children. People who were adopted some 70 years ago are calling or stopping by to tell her their life story after adoption. Hank Campbell applauded the Harmony Park Project but also was happy about a recent grant given to Labyrinth House



Angie Bubon



Alan Chapman





Linda Healy



Dianne Schultz



Hank Campbell



**Announcements and Club News:**

- November 21<sup>st</sup> is our Annual Pilgrim Program. Our meeting will be held at the ISU Alumni Center - 1101 North Main, Normal.
- The Holiday Party is Wednesday, December 5th at the ISU Hancock Stadium Room. It starts at 5:30 p.m. with some social time followed by dinner at 6:15 p.m. with Music and Trivia. RSVP Dayna Brown-Nelson at (309) 261-4089 Or email at shoeless28@yahoo.com by December 1st. Cost is \$30/person. Vegetarian and gluten-free entrees available by request. (There is no Noon meeting that day.)



Andy Copenhaver

- Andy Copenhaver reminded us to get our poinsettia orders and checks turned in. Donations are acceptable if you don't want any poinsettias. The deadline is Wednesday, November 21st. December 7th is delivery at the Chateau Hotel on Veterans Parkway. A sign-up sheet will be passed out next week.

**Volunteers will be needed:**

- Friday, December 7th to unload the semi of poinsettias at The Chateau at 8:00 a.m to assist with large deliveries throughout the day; and to pick up your own poinsettia orders for delivery.
- Saturday, December 8th to help customers pick up and carry out their poinsettias.

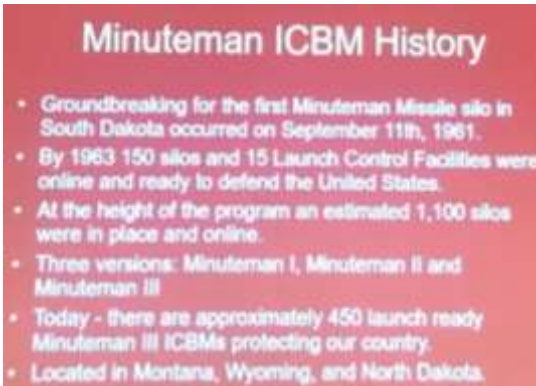




John A. Bishop

**Program:**

John A. Bishop gave a short presentation on our nation's nuclear program, specifically the leg of the triad of defense for ground based ICBM missile capabilities in the event they are called into service. John is retired from the military having served from 1966-1971, as a Captain at Whiteman Air Force Base.



He shared about the program installed at the National Park Service in Philip, South Dakota for our Minutemen Missile facilities at this National Historic Site Headquarters. He explained that land based missile facilities represent one third of our total nuclear program, along with submarines and bombers.

He shared that groundbreaking occurred on September 11, 1961 for building these locations, and by 1963 there were 150 silos in 15 LCF's. At the height about 1,100 silos were in place for Minutemen I, II, and III designations.

Today, about 450 "launch ready" III ICBM's are located in Montana, Wyoming, and North Dakota. The range for the average missile is "far enough" delivering a pay load within 30 minutes. Warheads were multi-stage but are now single warheads. Personnel are highly trained and trained on a constant basis with multiple levels of security always in place.



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

*"Be who you are and say what you feel,  
because those that mind don't matter  
and those that matter don't mind".  
from Dr. Seuss.*



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