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Wednesday, May 1, 2019 - Student Scholarship Banquet

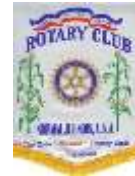
Greeters: Nancy Brokaw & Dayna Brown-Nielsen

No Lottery today

Wednesday, May 8, 2019

Greeters: Bill Caisley & Hank Campbell

Lottery: Connie Gentry & Fred Hahn



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Sherry Hawkins

President Sherry Hawkins convened the April 24 meeting of the Normal Rotary Club, and Becky Goeckner gave the invocation.

Sherry announced that, despite our musical abilities and the bad jokes, Barb Cotton has submitted her application for membership.

April Students of the Month: Reeves Wester of NCHS summed up his Rotary experience by saying he was interested in our diverse membership and enjoyed learning about local volunteer opportunities. And he liked the fact that we celebrated our successes and good news with happy fines. This month, Jacob Self has enjoyed meeting our members, learning about new people and finding out what's going on in the community.



Barb Cotton



Reeves Wester



Jacob Self

Announcements and Club News:

- Sherry circulated a sign-up sheet for invocations.
- The scholarship lunch will be held during the May 1 meeting.
- Ron Timmerman talked about the Applebee's fundraiser, which is 8-10 a.m. Saturday. He begs for more help. There's a 7:45 shift and an 8:45 shift.
- Bill Semlak reported that Yuton Road is now clean as a whistle, thanks to an elite three-person squad, which could really benefit from being an elite eight-person squad next time around.
- Dale Strassheim reminded us that Rotarians will lead the Memorial Day parade May 27. Meet from 8-9 a.m. in front of the Coliseum. Wear your blue Rotary shirt and khaki pants or shorts.
- The Normal Rotary Club board will meet May 1.



Ron Timmerman



Bill Semlak



Dale Strassheim



Gordon Ropp



Surinder Sethi

Mystery Host: Gordon Ropp presented the \$2 to Surinder Sethi in honor of his attendance at the meeting following cataract surgery.

Lottery: Ron Timmerman won the day's prize of \$17 but missed out on the \$279 jackpot because he drew the jack of something.



Ron Timmerman

Judge:

Linda Healy fined Hank Campbell, Andy Copenhaver and herself for not wearing their Rotary pins in pictures that appeared in The Limited. Otherwise, **happy fines** were:

- Greg Anvick, happy about Zach Bradford (a Student of the Month that he hosted last year) and his pole vault achievement at the university level.
- Bill Semlak, happy about the successful completion of Adopt A Highway last Saturday
- Surinder Sethi, happy about having a successful cataract surgery behind him.
- Dianne Schultz, \$3 for the "Three Amigos" who accomplished Adopt A Highway.
- Hank Campbell, happy about the 25th consecutive house built by the local Habitat for Humanity.
- Gordon Ropp, happy that his golf game was the best this year! (It was also his first game this year!).
- Drake Zimmerman, happy about Malaria Day on Thursday and that a malaria vaccination program is being tried in Malawi.



Linda Healy



Jessica Chambers

Program:

Our speaker was Jessica Chambers, president of the ParkLands Foundation. Most of her talk featured the ParkLands Foundation, but she managed to sneak in an occasional plug for the ISU Horticulture Center, where she is the director.



ParkLands Foundation was established in 1967 with the mission of preserving natural areas in the upper and middle portions of the Mackinaw River Valley watershed. The Mackinaw is one of the highest quality waterways in Illinois. The foundation protects property that has been purchased through private funds or donated. The foundation has many tracts scattered around the 1,136-square-mile watershed in McLean and Woodford counties.

The Merwin preserve is particularly gorgeous at this time of year, with lots of bluebells. Also at Merwin, the oak savannah is a rare habitat that is being restored.

At Letcher Basin in Woodford County, there's a huge vista, and it's home to a bald eagle nest and river otters. At Hayes Woods, the blue herons have established rookeries in the sycamore trees.

The foundation welcomes volunteers. The foundation's web site is: <http://www.parklandsfoundation.org/>

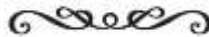


Jessica with a cute toy "mudpuppie"



President Sherry's Thought For the Day:

*"Some people could be given an entire field of roses and only see the thorns in it.
Others could be given a single weed and only see the wildflower in it.
Perception is the key to gratitude.
And gratitude is a key component to joy."
--Amy Weatherly*



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