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Wednesday, April 10, 2019

Greeters: Kathy Alexander & Greg Anvick

Lottery: Rob Cranston & Art Drake

Wednesday, April 17, 2019

Greeters: Bruce Bergethon & Gordon Bidner

Lottery: Paul Enchelmayer & Ryan Fleming



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President Sherry Hawkins convened the April 3, 2019 meeting of the Normal Rotary Club. Greg Anvick offered the reflection. We sang "My Country 'Tis of Thee" well enough, expending all our musical talent, judging by the sound of "Happy Birthday" later in the meeting.

April Students of the Month:

--Surinder Sethi introduced Kenneth Reeves Wester (people call him Reeves), from Normal Community High School. He plays football and plans to study civil engineering at Colorado State University.

--Jim Rosenlund introduced Matthew Suh from U High. He is active in the National Honor Society, Math Team and Chamber Orchestra. He plans to student computer science or violin/computer science.

--John E. Bishop introduced Jacob Self from Bloomington Area Career Center. He plans to work study theater production and design at ISU with an eye on a career as a lighting and sound designer.



Sherry Hawkins



Reeves Wester & Surinder Sethi



Matthew Suh & Jim Rosenlund



John E. Bishop & Jacob Self

Announcements and Club News:

- The April 17 meeting of the Normal Rotary Club will be held in Old Main.
- Our annual High School Senior Scholarship banquet will be May 1.

- Remember to sign up for the April 20 NRC clean-up of the Tipton Trails portion of the Trail, in conjunction with Ecology Action Center, by following this link: <https://ecologyactioncenter.org/event/earth-day-clean-up-event-constitution-trail-sugar-creek/>

Ron Timmerman reminded us that the Applebee Flapjack Fundraiser will be held April 27. This event in January was canceled due to the weather. If you bought tickets way back then, those tickets will still be good April 27. If you bought tickets and can't find them, check with Matt Wyss and if you want to buy tickets, see Matt. Tickets also will be available at the door.



April 20th
Clean-up of the
Tipton Trails
portion of the
Constitution Trail



April 27th
Fundraiser at
Applebee's

Mystery Host: Dale Strassheim honored John A. Bishop for his vital role in shaking the Normal Rotary Foundation out of the doldrums.

Lottery: Surinder Sethi won \$17 but drew the queen of spades, missing out on the \$229 pot. That means there's hope for you next week.

Judge: Bruce Bergethon started out with an unhappy fine imposed on Hank Campbell and Ron Timmerman, whose microphone technique damaged our delicate ears (which would be further traumatized by our rendition of "Happy Birthday" It was a bad day for ears.).

Happy Fines:

- Bill Semlak was happy to be back from his winter in Texas. He also was happy about the presentation of another Ann Semlak scholarship.
- Carson Varner was happy, but wouldn't tell us exactly why. Apparently, he was inspired at a meeting of the Normal Rotary Club some time back, and he will mention the club in an upcoming Pantagraph article.
- Surinder Sethi was happy to have celebrated his 75th birthday last week.
- Jim Rosenlund kicked in some money for a fine he owed from a few weeks back.
- Bruce Bergethon was happy the election season is over and that he doesn't live in Great Britain.

Birthday Auction: After our effort at singing "Happy Birthday," you'd think we would give up and go home. But no. Gordon Ropp wrung some bucks out of Rotarians for the following treasures: a holiday basket, an ISU umbrella, Scentsy vanilla mint, cheese, Moscow mule cups, a bouquet, a gift card to Medici's, an umbrella with flower seeds, a socket wrench set, a cooler and hard cider. Such an array of fine stuff deserves better singing. At the next quarterly auction, I bet the bids would just roll in if someone would offer earplugs.



Gordon Ropp





Andy Copenhaver displayed the auction items



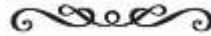
Elleke Mesdag bought this one



Marcia Dennis with her ISU umbrella



Miranda Johns-Cummings bought the Scentsy stuff



President Sherry's Thought For the Day:

"One does not have to operate with great malice to do great harm. The absence of empathy and understanding are enough."

--Charles Blow



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