



## The Normal Spoke

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### Wednesday, May 29, 2019

Greeters: Paul Enchelmayer & Ryan Fleming

Lottery: Stephanie McClelland & Larissa Mcllvain

### Wednesday, June 5, 2019

Greeters: Connie Gentry & Becky Goeckner

Lottery: Elleke Mesdag & Jack Moody



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President Sherry Hawkins opened the meeting at 12:07. After we greeted each other, Becky Goeckner gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a pretty good version of "My Country 'Tis of Thee."

Guests included a Rotarian (from Sunrise) and co-speaker Cathy Oloffson, and ISU graduate student Kosy Madu. A native Nigerian, she is studying economics, and was the guest of Becky Goeckner.

President Sherry's weekly dose of bad jokes was limited to a story of "witnessing a kidnapping ... but deciding not to wake him up."



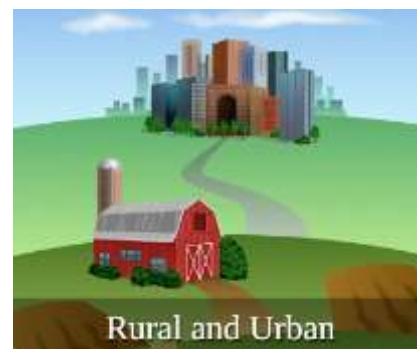
Kosy Madu & Becky Goeckner

### Announcements and Club News:

- Sherry reminded us that the 5 Rotary Clubs of B/N are carrying 50 flags plus all the military service flags in the May 27 Memorial Day parade. Line up between 8 and 9, with parade step off at 9, on the route from the Coliseum in downtown Bloomington to Miller Park. Wear your Rotary t-shirt, comfortable shoes, and khaki trousers or shorts.
- Art Drake asked for people at the Parade to send him photos for the Club Facebook page.
- Larissa Mcllvain gave a brief preliminary report on last Saturday's Pennies for Polio. Exact dollar totals to be announced later, but she said "the collection bucket was heavy with change."
- Sherry also reminded us of our annual Rural/Urban Night at the Ropp Family Farm on June 12th, beginning at 6 PM.



Monday, May 27 - Line-up at Coliseum before 9:00 a.m. step off



Wednesday, June 12 - Ropp Farm 6:00 p.m.

**Judge Bruce Bergethon** asked for the **Mystery Host**: Ryan Fleming, who gave the \$2 bill to Larissa McIlvain for her fine work on Pennies for Polio. It would be an understatement to say that Angie Bubon was thrilled to win the \$20 **Lottery** pot; but her ecstasy over finally having the winning ticket was unfortunately not extended, as she drew the Queen of Hearts. Next week's Big Pot will consequently be in excess of \$350.



Bruce Bergethon



Ryan Fleming & Larissa McIlvain



Angie Bubon

A round of **Happy Fines** preceded Judge Bruce's levy on all the middle and back tables for leaving incoming President John E. Bishop's adjoining seats vacant:

- Drake Zimmerman, putting in \$3 for various good things about the international efforts to combat malaria;
- Jim Rosenlund, reporting on the 14-under-par round logged by himself and fellow NRC members Andy Copenhaver and David Taylor at the Tee it Up! For GFPD tournament. (Yes, they won!)
- Alan Chapman, who thanked everyone for making the Tee It Up fundraiser a spectacular success;
- Elleke Mesdag, putting in a dollar for each of her three graduating granddaughters;
- Bayo Adanri, happy to be sitting next to fellow Nigerian Kosy (it was their first meeting), and grateful for Drake Zimmerman's example in leading Rotarian efforts to reduce malaria;
- Ray Ropp, thankful that his corn is finally in the ground;
- Ron Timmerman, reporting on the transfer of a big Coats for Kids stash to a school in Minonk;
- Surinder Sethi, who was happy to see his neighbor, B.J. Wilken, one of our speakers for the day.



John E. Bishop



Drake Zimmerman



Jim Rosenlund



Alan Chapman



Elleke Mesdag



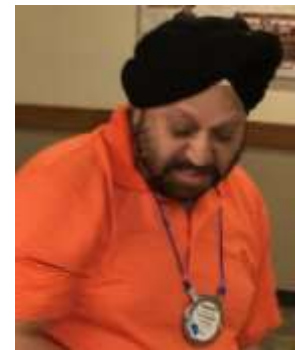
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## Today's Program

President Sherry then introduced B.J. Wilken, and Cathy Oloffson, to talk about the "Growing Together" project (aka "the new YMCA"), a collaboration between OSF Hospital, Easterseals, and the Y. B.J. is the CEO of the Bloomington/Normal YMCA, and Cathy is the relatively new Vice President of Development for Easterseals Central Illinois. Both are staunch Cardinal fans; Cathy is a Rotarian and B.J. a member of Kiwanis.

B. J. began by thanking Rotary for its work on polio and malaria. He also acknowledged the important input on the Growing Together project from Normal Rotarians David Taylor and Dale Strassheim.



The new building, to be built on a parcel of land donated by OSF, will create a 60,000 square foot facility built by the Y, with space leased to Easterseals. There will be a Community Center available to other groups, but the main focus is on cooperative and intergenerational programs that will allow the diverse constituencies served by the Y and Easterseals to interact and improve services. B.J. showed a few examples of families served by the Y and Easterseals, and how the new facility would enhance the three organizations' ability to achieve synergy in a shared space.

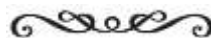
Commenting on a slide show of "conceptual spaces," including two pools, a community center, facilities for teens and other gathering places, both Cathy and B.J. spoke of the ways in which the new building will achieve improvements without duplicating existing services. The capital campaign, now entering the "public phase" of fundraising, has already received commitments for 85% of its 16 million dollar goal. For more information and to make a donation, go to the project website, [www.growingtogetherymca.org](http://www.growingtogetherymca.org)



### Thought For the Day:

*"We live in a world in which we need to share responsibility.  
It's easy to say 'it's not my child, not my community, not my problem.'  
Then there are those who see the need and respond.  
I consider those people my heroes."*

*- Fred Rogers*



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