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Wednesday, July 17, 2019 – ISU Alumni Center

Greeters: Elleke Mesdag & Jack Moody

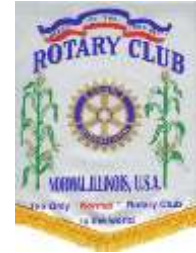
Lottery: Surinder Sethi & Dale Strassheim

Wednesday, July 24, 2019 – Normal Public Library– Basement Community Room

****Free Parking in College Ave. Parking Garage with Library Validation****

Greeters: Robert Porter & Matt Riehl

Lottery: Ed Tanton & David Taylor



Reporter: Sherry Hawkins

Photographer: Larissa McIlvain

Editor: Becky Goeckner



John E. Bishop

Today's invocation/reflection was given by Bill Semlak. Spoke reporter is me (Sherry Hawkins) and photographer was Larissa McIlvain. Both Sherry and Larissa answered President John E. Bishop's request for volunteers.

We had a visitor who is considering joining our group and we were happy he could find us on the stage in Braden Auditorium! Welcome Matt Butler!



Matt Butler

President John gave us a quick history lesson:

- 1776 The statue of King George was pulled down in NY city
- 1850 Millard Fillmore is sworn in as 13th president of the US after the death of Zachary Taylor
- 1943 American & British forces complete their amphibious landing of Sicily
- 1965 "I can't get no satisfaction" becomes the Rolling Stones first No. 1
- 2019 "I can't get no satisfaction" becomes the unofficial theme of President John's year

Today in Announcements:

- Linda Healy reminded us Friends Forever will be presenting next week, to please be present and bring a friend, your spouse, or a young person. She explained how 10 youth from Israel; half Jewish and half Muslim are here to get to know and understand one another. The goal is for friendships to develop and the result in peace once back in home in Israel. Linda thanked Ray and Carol Ropp for stepping up to host one of the Friends Forever staff members.
- John A. Bishop (not the president) asked us to send prayers for Shirley Wilz as her youngest daughter is battling liver cancer.

- Marcia Dennis reminded us that for the next few weeks we will be at the Alumni Center, except for July 24 (Normal Public Library) and August 7 (Normal First United Methodist Church)



David Taylor

Then **Judge** David Taylor asked for the **Mystery Host** which turned out to be Marcia Dennis. She presented Becky Goeckner with the \$2 in appreciation for her assuming the secretary duties for the last 3 weeks.



Marcia Dennis & Becky Goeckner

There was no response to first **Lottery** ticket number called. Judge Taylor drew a second number. Bruce Bergethon was the lucky ticket holder and is now \$10 richer. He left the \$339 pot to continue to grow as he did not draw and Ace of Spades.



Bruce Bergethon



Judge David Taylor had no fines to levy so straight into **Happy Fines** we went.

- Drake Zimmerman was happy that the Friends Forever kids are here and thanked Linda Healy for her role.
- Hank Campbell celebrated 52 years of marriage to the lovely Mary, by donating a check in that amount to the Normal Rotary Foundation.
- Bill Semlak was happy to have had a visit from his granddaughter Annie last week.
- Dale Strassheim was also happy about a granddaughter's visit. She previewed ISU and will be attending ISU next year.
- Stephanie McClellan's daughter's softball team made it to Nationals and will play in South Dakota.
- Dianne Schultz was sad/happy. Sad kids are being locked up in detention centers and suffering through horrific conditions there, but happy people are stepping up and calling attention to the situation. She urged us to read the inspection reports and informed us of a meeting July 12 at 8am in front of Bloomington City Hall for this topic.
- Jack Moody echoed Dianne's thoughts and added his own, indicating he would do his part to help local kids and pay for 1 kids lunch for the whole year at a Stevenson Elementary School.
- Barb Cotton loved the Baby Fold tour that she recently had. She gave \$5 and offered to donate \$5 for every member who would take the tour and let her know. The next tour there is August 13th .(See <https://www.thebabyfold.org/who-we-are/take-a-tour/>)
- Bruce Bergethon was happy the US women's soccer team won the World Cup. The news and sports have been full of women celebrating and being good role models.



Drake Zimmerman



Hank Campbell
& Bruce Bergethon



Bill Semlak



Dale Strassheim



Stephanie
McClellan



Dianne Schultz



Jack Moody



Barb Cotton



Bruce Bergethon

Program

Today's speaker was Sheri Strohl who is a volunteer Be SMART educator for McLean County Moms Demand Action/Everytown. A Peoria native, she made McLean County her home after attending Illinois State. Sheri works full time at a local non-profit. She is a wife and mom who strongly believes Be SMART can prevent child gun deaths and injuries. www.besmartforkids.org



Sheri Strohl

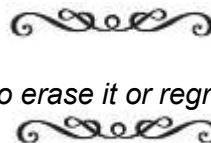
Firearms are the second leading cause of death among children. Nearly 1500 kids are killed each year via homicide, suicide and unintentional killings.

Be Smart urges everyone to **SECURE** all guns in your homes and vehicles; **MODEL** responsible behavior around guns; **ASK** about unsecured guns in other homes and **RECOGNIZE** the role of guns in suicide and **TELL** your peers to "Be Smart"



Today's Thought from Mick Jagger:

"The past is a great place and I don't want to erase it or regret it, but I don't want to be its prisoner either"



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