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Wednesday, August 7, 2019 – Normal First United Methodist Church 211 N. School Street

Greeters: Ray Ropp & Art Runyon

Lottery: Iris Varner & Dick Wagner

Wednesday, August 14, 2019 – ISU Alumni Center

Greeters: Jim Rosenlund & Dianne Schultz

Lottery: Rod Weigleemann & Matt Wyss



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John E. Bishop

President John E. Bishop convened the July 31, 2019 meeting of the Normal Rotary Club at the ISU Alumni Center. Bill Semlak provided the invocation. Our singing has been better, and it has been worse.



Ray Ropp's guest, Brock Fitzgerald, McLean County Fair King was our only guest. Brock plans to study ranch management at Oklahoma State.



Brock Fitzgerald

President John shared **On This Day in History:**

- 1703 – Daniel Defoe is placed in a pillory for the crime of seditious libel after publishing a politically satirical pamphlet. In a surprising turn, he is pelted with flowers instead of with rotten fruits and vegetables.
- 1864 – Ulysses S. Grant is named General of Volunteers.
- 1970 – Black Tot Day was the last day of the officially sanctioned rum rationed in the Royal Navy, a tradition that started in 1740.
- 1999 – Discovery Program: Lunar Prospector – NASA intentionally crashes the spacecraft into the moon, ending its mission to detect frozen water on the moon's surface.

Announcements:

- The Aug. 7 meeting will be held at Normal First United Methodist Church, 211 N. School St.
- President John announced that Robert and Stephanie Porter have welcomed a new baby to their family.
- We took a voice vote on whether Normal Rotary is interested in participating in a Five-Club effort to support a house for Habitat for Humanity. We are!
- Larissa McIlvain reminded us that Oktoberfest is coming up Sept. 21 in Uptown Normal. We partner with Medici and the Town of Normal. Our role is to sell sponsorships to local businesses and to staff the entry. We'll work from 4-10 p.m., and a sign-up sheet will circulate soon.



Alan Chapman

- Alan Chapman announced that the Harmony Park Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting has been rescheduled. It will be held Aug. 8 from 9-11:30 a.m. A whole morning of events is scheduled, so come for all or part of the festivities. Our Rotary Club is a significant donor to this project.
- Art Drake circulated a sign-up sheet for Spoke writers and photographers, giving people a chance to “choose your own adjective.” This brilliant incentive yielded one volunteer: Sherry “Awesomeness” Hawkins. Yayyy!



Art Drake



Ann Haugo & Drake Zimmerman

Mystery Host: Drake Zimmerman presented the \$2 to Ann Haugo, a long lost member who greeted him with a hug.

Lottery: Marcia Dennis won the day’s prize of \$20 but – darn it! – drew the wrong card and missed out on the \$436 prize.



Marcia Dennis & Linda Healy



Linda Healy

Judge Linda Healy collected a bunch of happy fines:

- Linda was happy that her husband, Pat, was pronounced A-OK after undergoing a bunch of medical tests.
- President John was happy that a mini-vacation to see Falling Water also yielded a trip to Fort Necessity, where George Washington saw military action in colonial times. John says that one of his relatives was there too.
- Rob Cranston paid a happy fine because his wife saw an article that said the game, “Candyland” was developed by a person with polio for the enjoyment of others who had polio. Rob notes that we’re still trying to eradicate polio, and we have to keep up the effort.
- Bruce Bergethon observed that the Pirates are not doing well in the baseball world. He didn’t pay a fine this time, but he pledged to pay \$5 for every Pirates victory between July 31 and Aug. 7.
- Hank Campbell paid because he’s “all-in” for a Rotary Habitat project and he plans to apply for a District Grant for that purpose. He’s also happy that the Dreams Are Possible center that he and Mary are working on getting a wall mural.
- Bill Semlak was happy that he and Joan had a chance to see family, some of whom live abroad.
- Greg Anvick was happy about an upcoming family trip to St. Louis that will include the Cubs-Cardinals game. (Pirates will probably lose that one too.)
- Marcia Dennis paid because she has just retired “for good, for the third time.” Also, she reports that her husband is walking without a cane now.



Rob Cranston



Bruce Bergethon



Hank Campbell



Bill Smlak



Marcia Dennis

Program:



Drake Zimmerman

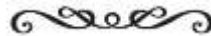
Drake Zimmerman, a member of our club, talked about efforts to combat malaria in the world. He's been involved in that effort since the early 1990s, and in the past 25 years, the incidence of malaria is down 75 percent. Still, Malaria kills 800 children every day, according to the World Health Organization.

Malaria is a parasite, transmitted mostly by a kind of mosquito that bites at night. A vaccine is out there, but it's not very effective.



About 250 million insecticide-treated mosquito nets are distributed each year, and the chemical lasts for a few years. Nets have been very effective, but they can only go so far.

Many groups are working on the malaria problem. Drake works with the Alliance for Malaria Prevention, which has conducted a weekly conference call on the topic since 2002. Rotary has played a major role in the fight against malaria, serving to connect people and explore new strategies.



Today's Thought from Daniel Defoe:

"It's never too late to be wise."



Bruce Bergethon asked that this be included in this week's Spoke:

Fourth Annual Bed Blitz

The West Bloomington Revitalization Project Tool Library and YouthBuild McLean County are preparing to host the fourth annual Bed Blitz in October to provide 100 twin beds for local children ages four to 18 years from low-income families.

This community-driven project culminates in a one-day event that brings volunteers together to assemble bed frames for local children ages four to 18 years from low-income families. In addition to the twin-size bed frames, the children receive a "bed set" that includes a mattress, a hand-made quilt, pillow, sheets, teddy bear, laundry detergent and books.

A campaign to raise \$10,000 to offset expenses for this year's Bed Blitz will begin the week of August 4. In-kind donations of new twin bed sheets and pillows, as well as laundry detergent are also welcomed.

To make contributions to the Bed Blitz, or for details about registering to build bed frames, visit <https://westbloomington.org/events/bed-blitz>

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