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Wednesday, August 28, 2019 –Circus Room - ISU Bone Student Center

Greeters: Dale Strassheim & Ed Tanton

Lottery: Kathy Alexander & Greg Anvick

Wednesday, September 4, 2019 – Circus Room - ISU Bone Student Center

Greeters: David Taylor & Ron Timmerman

Lottery: Bruce Bergethon & Gordon Bidner



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Greeter Surinder Sethi and **Club Secretary** Marcia Dennis' smiling faces greeted us as we entered for our lunch meeting.

President John E. Bishop convened the Aug. 21, 2019 meeting of the Normal Rotary Club at the ISU Alumni Center. Sherry Hawkins offered the reflection and (what a surprise!) we recited the Pledge of Allegiance and we sang one verse of "My Country Tis of Thee."

This Day in History:

- 1808 – British and Portuguese forces led by General Arthur Wellesley defeat French force under Major-General Jean-Andoche Junot near the village of Vimeiro, Portugal, the first Anglo-Portugese victory of the Peninsular War.
- 1858 – First Lincoln-Douglas debate in Ottawa, Illinois
- 1878 – American Bar Association organizes at Sarasota, NY
- 1931 – Babe Ruth hits his 600th home run off George Blaeholder of the Browns.
- 1942 – Walt Disney's animated movie, "Bambi," based on the book by Felix Salten, is released.
- 2004 – American super-swimmer Michael Phelps wins his sixth gold medal of the Athens Olympics. He was 19.



Guest: Todd Kunze, GM of the Normal Cornbelters, was the guest of Alan Chapman.

Announcements:

- The next session of the Rotary Leadership Institute will be held Sept. 21 at Richland Community College in Decatur. Check-in is at 8:30. Registration closes on Wednesday, Sept. 18 at 5 p.m.
- The Cubs-Cardinals game will be held Sept. 28 in St. Louis.
- The Labor Day parade is coming up. The parade kicks off at 10 a.m. so plan to be there at about 9:30. Wear your Rotary blue T-shirt and khaki shorts or slacks.



Larissa McIlvain

- Oktoberfest will be held Sept. 21, Larissa McIlvain reminded us. We partner in this event with Medici & with the Town of Normal. So far we have \$6,750 in sponsorships. Tell Dale Strassheim if you have any other sponsorships in the works. We will need volunteers for this event. The volunteer sign-up sheet is here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044CAAAD2AA3FA7-medici>
- Jack Moody reminded us that the Veterans Day One on One will be held Nov. 11. B-N's five Rotary Clubs organize this event to honor our veterans. Be thinking about who you would like to invite.



Jack Moody



Art Drake & Greg Anvick

Mystery host: Art Drake presented the \$2 to Greg Anvick, who, Art said, sold him the winning lottery ticket. (Art didn't win, and he forgot to ask Greg about his refund policy.)

Lottery: Miranda Johns-Cummings won the day's pot of \$25, but missed out on the big pot of \$494.



Miranda Johns-Cummings



Linda Healy

Judge Linda Healy started by fining herself for forgetting to take pictures for last week's Spoke.

Happy Fines:

- Becky Goeckner paid \$49 to celebrate 49 years of marriage.
- Carson Varner was happy to be starting his 45th year at ISU. He also shared a story about meeting a woman who told him she was free because of the American's Berlin airlift 70 years earlier.
- Bruce Bergethon paid up because the Pirates beat the Cubs.
- Fred Hahn was happy about a trip to Newfoundland and all the hiking and seafood that came with it.

Program:



Beth Whisman

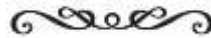
Speaker: Beth Whisman, Town of Normal's Cultural Arts Director, talked about the Children's Discovery Museum, which turns 25 years old this year. The museum opened in 1994 after years of fundraising. It started in one room in College Hills Mall, shortly moved to larger quarters in Constitution Place and later to Uptown Normal.

The museum works hard to foster the love of learning and the power of play. Museum staff continues to learn about young children and how those young children learn.

The museum has three floors of exhibits, a maker space where kids can learn to use tools to make stuff, an art studio and an innovation station. The museum also hosts a number of events: Day of Play, Pushcart Derby, Doctors in Concert, Family Fun Night and more. This summer, the museum welcomed its 2 millionth visitor.

What's next? The museum is working on an exhibit about health and medicine. Current facilities also must be updated. All this is expensive and will require continued community support.


The museum will hold a Celebratory Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 12 at the Marriott Hotel in Uptown Normal. For more information, see the website: <https://www.childrensdiscoverymuseum.net/>



Today's Thought from Sir Arthur Wellesley, First Duke of Wellington

"Wise people learn when they can; fools learn when they must."



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