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

Greeters: David Taylor & Ron Timmerman

Lottery: Bruce Bergethon & Gordon Bidner



Wednesday, September 11, 2019 –Circus Room - ISU Bone Student Center

Greeters: Carson Varner & Iris Varner

Lottery: John A. Bishop & Nancy Brokaw

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President John E. Bishop convened the Aug. 28, 2019, meeting of the Normal Rotary Club in the Circus Room after a long absence due to Bone Student Center renovations. Jack Moody offered the invocation.

This Day in History:

- 1917 – Jack “The King” Kirby -- co-creator of Captain America, The Fantastic Four, the Hulk and the X-men – was born.
- 1963 – March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. gave his “I have a Dream” speech.
- 1990 – Iraq declared Kuwait to be its newest province.
- 1993 – The Galileo spacecraft discovers a moon, later named Dactyl, around 243 Ida, the first known asteroid moon.

Announcements:

- Rotary Leadership Institute will be held Sept. 21 at Richland Community College in Decatur. Registration closes Sept. 18.
- Rotary Day at the Ball Park. The Cubs-Cards game will be held Sept. 28 in St. Louis.
- Larissa McIlvain reminded us that we are partnering with Medici on Oktoberfest in Uptown Normal. That will be 4-10 p.m. Sept. 21. Daybreak Rotary will help in that effort. We have \$7,000 in sponsorships.



Hank Campbell

- Hank Campbell announced that our club is applying for a \$2,000 District Grant to help fund the Rotary Habitat for Humanity house. The other four B-N Rotary Clubs will be joining us in that project. Hank encourages us to participate.
- Hank noted that final paperwork has been filed for the District Grant on the recently completed Harmony Park project.





Linda Healy

- Speaking of the Habitat house, Linda Healy announced that the site will be 812 W. Washington. The ground has been cleared and the foundation poured. She hopes to have participation from two Rotary Clubs on every build day. Normal Rotary has been assigned to send volunteers 8-12 Sept. 14.
- Also, see Linda if you need a blue Rotary shirt to wear in the Labor Day parade. Or if you've never gotten a shirt, you should let Linda know you need one.



Linda again!

- In another helpful transition, the Labor Day parade will be held on LABOR DAY. Rotarians should arrive at 9:30 a.m., and our job is to carry the flags. Becky Goeckner and John E. Bishop laid out a challenge to have more of our **women** members participating. I don't remember the details, but may involve some of John's money.
- Marcia Dennis announced that the club has received two thank-you letters from Friends Forever people.

This wasn't announced at the meeting, but I'll throw it in anyway. The ISU News web site has an article about Sarah Sanders of Marion, Ill., now an ISU student. As a high school senior, Sarah had spent a year in Peru as a Rotary Youth Exchange Student.

Of her time in Peru, Sarah said: "My biggest takeaway was that the world is a big place, but also a small place. It's big in the sense that there's so much more out there in the world besides my small town or even the United States. However, it's small in the sense that I got to meet people from all over the world and see our similarities."

Marcia Dennis announced that the following members have **perfect attendance**:

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| • Drake Zimmerman, 33 years | • Hank Campbell, 10 years |
| • Dick Wagner, 25 years | • Art Drake, 2 years |
| • Bill Caisley, 24 years | • Greg Anvick, 1 year |
| • Marcia Dennis, 19 years | • John E. Bishop, 1 year |
| • Gordon Bidner, 15 years | • Connie Gentry, 1 year |
| • Ray Ropp, 15 years | • Fred Hahn, 1 year |
| • John A. Bishop, 14 years | • Sherry Hawkins, 1 year |
| • Becky Goeckner, 14 years | • Elleke Mesdag, 1 year |
| • Surinder Sethi, 14 years | • Jack Moody, 1 year |
| • Linda Healy, 11 years | |



Hank Campbell & Bill Sendlak

Mystery Host: Bill Sendlak presented the \$2 to Hank Campbell because Hank covers when Bill has to miss a meeting.

Lottery: Hank Campbell won the \$22 drawing, but chose the 2 of hearts, missing out on the big pot of \$516. 23 cards left. The suspense is killing us.



Hank again!



Bruce Bergethon

Judge Bruce Bergethon was disoriented by being back in the Circus Room and by the fact that the Pirates have won an occasional game. Still, Bruce got it together enough to ding Carson Varner \$4 for having his picture appear on the front page of the Pantagraph on two consecutive days, *WITHOUT HIS ROTARY PIN*.

Oh, and he got a bunch of us for failing to fill the chairs at the front tables.



Carson Varner

Happy fines:

- Dick and Eileen Wagner celebrated their 53rd anniversary, so Dick contributed \$53.
- Bill Semlak had to be absent because of his wife’s health concerns, but that situation is now looking up.
- Gene Jontry was happy that Mark’s fiancé, Kathy Hanson, is getting along fine after having a kidney removed.
- Ann Haugo was happy that her son is in Florida for a year-long internship at the Kennedy Space Center.



Dick Wagner



Bill Semlak



Gene Jontry



Ann Haugo

Program:



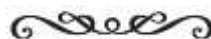
Adam Fox

Our speaker was Adam Fox, civic arts manager for the Town of Normal. In that role, he oversees the programming of the Normal Theater and coordinates festivals and events in Uptown Normal.

Adam said he tries to create events in Uptown that tell the story of our community: Who are we? What do we want to share with the community? How do we share this story?

With those goals in mind, he’s introducing an interactive, participatory aspect to Uptown events. For example, the recent Sweetcorn Circus used to be the Sweetcorn and Blues Festival. The corn remains; the blues music is gone. In its place are members of the Gamma Phi circus group, which performs and also allows community members to interact with the performers.

The idea is to offer the opportunity for spectators to try something new, not to make them uncomfortable. Change can be off-putting, he acknowledged, but he urges people to embrace the change and try something new.



Today’s Thought from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

“Every man must decide whether he will walk in the light of creative altruism or in the darkness of destructive selfishness.”

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