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Wednesday, August 14, 2019 – ISU Alumni Center

Greeters: Jim Rosenlund & Dianne Schultz

Lottery: Rod Weigleemann & Matt Wyss

Wednesday, August 21, 2019 – ISU Alumni Center

Greeters: Bill Semlak & Surider Sethi

Lottery: Drake Zimmerman & Bayo Adanri



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John E. Bishop

President John E. Bishop convened the Aug. 7, 2019, meeting of the Normal Rotary Club at First United Methodist Church. Gene Jontry gave the invocation, and our singing of "My Country Tis of Thee" garnered favorable reviews. There were no visiting Rotarians. No guests.

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

- 1782, George Washington creates the Purple Heart medal (original name Badge of Military Merit) as commander of the Continental Army.
- 1912, The Progressive (Bull Moose) Party nominates Theodore Roosevelt for U.S. President.
- 1990, U.S. deploys troops to Saudi Arabia beginning Operation Desert Shield.
- 2016, United States men's 4x100m freestyle relay team wins the final in 3:09.92 at the Rio de Janeiro Olympics; Michael Phelps' record 19th Olympic gold medal.

Announcements:

- Rotary Leadership Institute's next session will be Sept. 21 at Richland Community College in Decatur. Check-in is at 8:30 a.m. Registration closes Wednesday, Sept. 18.
- Harmony Park Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting will be Thursday, Aug. 8, 9-11:30 a.m.



Bruce Bergethon

- Bruce Bergethon and Dale Strassheim talked about Oktoberfest, planned for Sept. 21st in Uptown Normal. Please mark your calendar to help out on that date. Also, let Dale know if you or a business you know of would like to be a sponsor.



Dale Strassheim



- Bruce Bergethon reminded us that 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>



Art Drake

- Art Drake issued yet another pathetic and embarrassing plea for people to write and photograph for the Spoke. I personally am getting sick of hearing him whine and would appreciate anyone who can relieve the agony by signing up to be a Spoke writer in August or September. Let’s shut this guy up.



Mystery Host: Stephanie McClellan divided the \$2 bill between Linda Healy and Bruce Bergethon in gratitude for their sharing of service opportunities.

Lottery: Jack Moody won the day’s prize of \$20 but drew the (heartbreaking) 2 of spades to miss out on the \$456 big pot, which will grow.

Judge Bruce Bergethon fulfilled his pledge to pay a happy fine if the Pirates won any of their games in the past week. The Pirates won one. (I flashed on the old saying, “Even a stopped clock is right twice a day.”)



Jack Moody

- Bruce then fined Ray Ropp, whose granddaughter appeared in a Pantagraph picture for a county fair award.
- Linda Healy paid a happy fine for some reason.
- Rob Cranston was happy about visits from family in Finland. (I had a hard time hearing the announcements. Probably due to the same problem that made our singing sound good to some people.)
- Greg Anvick was happy to have seen the Cubs-Cards game.
- Dale Strassheim was happy that he and Carol celebrated their 51st anniversary.
- Bruce Bergethon noted that he and Jo celebrated their 41st anniversary. Both had forgotten until Facebook helpfully reminded them.
- Hank Campbell celebrated his birthday and the fact that his son is moving to take a job in Colorado.
- Kathy Alexander was happy to be able to pay an old happy fine.



Rob Cranston



Greg Anvick



Hank Campbell



Kathy Alexander



Karen Mills

Program:

Karen Mills, representing the School Street Food Pantry, was the speaker. The pantry is housed inside Normal First United Methodist Church at 211 North School Street in Normal, Illinois 61761.

Karen retired from ISU two years ago and found her post-retirement calling in helping college students through the food pantry. The pantry is a cooperative effort of Illinois State University: faculty, staff and students; the Town of Normal; and Normal First United Methodist Church. Volunteers are responsible for staffing and running the pantry.



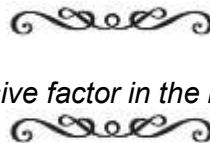
**SCHOOL STREET
FOOD PANTRY**

Many college students suffer food insecurity. They often have no transportation to the community's supermarkets, and they frequently don't have enough money to buy food. The School Street Food Pantry has no rules; clients simply present their student ID and they shop the pantry shelves to meet their needs. The pantry serves students from all the local colleges and universities.

Every Friday from 4-6 p.m., the pantry serves about 150 students. The pantry cannot keep enough supplies of paper products, seasonings, spices, rice and school supplies to meet the need.

Last Thanksgiving, a dinner that traditionally was held for members and friends of the Church reached out to food pantry clients, and 40 international students showed up.

The pantry would welcome volunteers and donations. You can send a tax-deductible donation made out to: Normal First United Methodist Church, attention School Street Food Pantry, 211 North School St., Normal, IL 61761. For more information, see their web site: <https://schoolstreetfoodpantry.org/>



Today's Thought from Theodore Roosevelt

"Character, in the long run, is the decisive factor in the life of an individual and of nations alike."



Rotary Leadership Institute

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The next session is Saturday, September 21 at Richland Community College in Decatur. Check in is at 8:30 am; the program is scheduled from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm. A light breakfast, refreshments and lunch are included in the \$50 registration fee. Check with your club to see if they will pay for your registration.

REGISTER TODAY: <http://www.hoa-rli.org/>.*

If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Guthrie at district6490rli@gmail.com.

*Registration will close on Wednesday, September 18, 2019, at 5 PM, so that exact numbers can be provided to RCC Café for food preparation.

Harmony Park Project is Completed!



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