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Wednesday, September 18, 2019 – Braden Stage - ISU Bone Student Center

Greeters: Dick Wagner & Rod Weigelmann

Lottery: Dayna Brown-Nielsen & Angie Bubon

Wednesday, September 25, 2019

Brown Ballroom III - ISU Bone Student Center

Greeters: Matt Wyss & Frake Zimmerman

Lottery: Bill Caisley & Hank Campbell



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President John E. Bishop convened the Sept. 11, 2019, meeting of the Normal Rotary Club, and Dale Strassheim gave the invocation, recalling the attacks on the U.S. 18 years ago.

Visiting Rotarian: Guy Fraker, Bloomington Rotary.

Guest: Karyn Quackenbush, wife of our guest speaker.

September Students of the Month:

- Sara Patton from Normal Community High school plans to major in genetics at Indiana State University and intends to seek a master's in genetic counseling.
- Grace Spader from the Bloomington Area Career Center plans to attend Florida Southern, majoring in nursing and playing soccer. She hopes to one day be an emergency room charge nurse.
- Sarah Brown of Normal West loves children and may study education or Spanish at Trinity Christian College, where she has been accepted.
- Shanley Kearney of U High plans to major in theater and minor in business. She's not sure which college she will attend, but she has applied at schools in the L.A. area.



Guy Fraker



Sara Patten, Grace Spader, Sarah Brown & Shanley Kearney

This Day in History:

- 1297 – Battle at Stirling Bridge, where Scottish rebel William Wallace defeats the English.
- 1789 – Alexander Hamilton is appointed the first Secretary of the U.S. Treasury.
- 1885 – Ambrose Bierce finishes his tenure as editor of The Wasp magazine.
- 1965 – The Beatles' "Help" album goes No. 1 and stays No. 1 for nine weeks.
- 1970 – The Ford Pinto is introduced.

Announcements:

- Marcia Dennis announced that our chicken entrée was spicy. Bruce Bergethon wished he'd known that before he added Tabasco sauce.
- Guy Fraker announced that the McLean County Historical Society will host a re-enactment of Sojourner Truth's Sept. 18, 1879 speech at Second Presbyterian Church. That will be held next Wednesday, Sept. 18 at Second Presbyterian. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- Hank Campbell announced that Groove at the Grove will be held to celebrate the success of the Lamu (Kenya) Center for Preventative Health. Rotary has been a key part of that success. The celebration will be held 4-8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14 at 1222 E. Grove St.
- Larissa McIlvain reminds us that Oktoberfest will be held Sept. 21 in Uptown Normal. Thanks to all the volunteers. We need more volunteers for the 8-10 p.m. shift. Also, feel free to bring along a guest volunteer.



Linda Healy

- Linda Healy reminded us that the first build of the Rotary Habitat house will be held Saturday. There is room for more volunteers. Go to the link to sign up to volunteer and to fill out a waiver.
- John E. Bishop reminded us that the Rotary Leadership Institute will be held September 21 in Decatur. Jack Moody and Fred Hahn will attend. Registration will close September 18
- John also reminded us that the September 18 meeting will be held on stage in Braden Auditorium.



Becky Goeckner & John A. Bishop

Host: John A. Bishop presented the \$2 to Becky Goeckner to acknowledge all the work she does behind the scenes.

Lottery: Judge Bruce Bergethon won the \$13 for the day. However, he drew the jack of diamonds, missing out on the big pot, which hovers north of \$525 and may vary depending on – what? – the barometric pressure or something?

Judge Bruce Bergethon, apparently not having the goods on any of our members, collected happy fines.



Bruce Bergethon

Happy fines:

- Angie Bubon was happy to have attended a podcast in Chicago and as part of audience participation, she got to sing a little song in front of a sold-out crowd at the Chicago Theater. The host of the show said she "killed it" – and that's good. Days later, Angie is still riding that high.
- Student Guest Shanley Kearney was happy to get a call-back for the fall show at University High School.
- Dale Strassheim was happy to be back from a trip to Ireland.
- Kathy Alexander was happy to hear the RI president on WGLT, telling people how they can help hurricane-stricken people in the Bahamas.
- Hank Campbell was happy about the start of building of the 26th ISU Habitat house.
- Dayna Brown-Nielsen is grateful that Normal Rotary is active in the Promise Council at Oakdale Elementary School. She told of one elementary school in the community whose entire student body is at risk but has no Promise Council. Normal Community was able to spare some Promise Council funds and send \$1,200 to that elementary school, where it is being used to buy the first pair of glasses for a child who cannot see.
- Larissa McIlvain was happy to celebrate her child's third birthday at Miller Park Zoo.



Ray Roderick

Program:

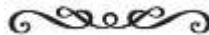
Our speaker was Ray Roderick, an ISU Alumni Hall of Fame member. He is an alum of ISU's theater program. He has performed extensively on Broadway and toured nationally. In his mid-30s, he transitioned from dancing and shifted emphasis to writing and directing.

He has written a new musical about Emily Warren Roebling, who took over the position as chief engineer of the construction of the Brooklyn Bridge after her husband's illness forced him to step down from that role. Emily is just now getting credit for guiding that monumental effort to completion.

Ray also recalled being in New York during the Sept. 11 attacks. It was the first day of rehearsal for "The Music Man" and children who were in the cast had just come into the city. Ray and others spent that day calling to assure the kids' parents that they were safe.

Ray credits the arts programs at U High, Metcalf and ISU for giving him the education and experience he needed when he ventured off to New York. Ann Haugo will let us know when the ISU workshop production will be performed.

From BroadwayWorld.com: "Brooklyn Bridge is an innovative musical inspired by the extraordinary life of Emily Roebling, wife of Brooklyn Bridge Chief Engineer Washington Roebling. After a debilitating attack of "the bends" while working under the East River, Washington Roebling is rendered bedridden. For the next 11 years, only Emily Roebling is seen on the worksite, delivering plans, handling both engineering and political issues. Some say, as a silent builder . . . "SHE built the bridge!" As the Brooklyn Bridge grows stronger, from foundations to towers, and cables to roadway, so does Emily, skillfully navigating the uncharted waters as a woman in a man's world."



Today's Two Thoughts:

"Quotation: The act of repeating erroneously the words of another."

--Ambrose Bierce

*"There are seasons in every country when noise and impudence pass current for worth;
and in popular commotions especially,
the clamors of interested and fractious men are often mistaken for patriotism."*

--Alexander Hamilton



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