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Wednesday, October 23, 2019 – ISU Alumni Center

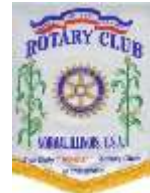
Greeters: Nancy Brokaw & Dayna Brown-Nielsen

Lottery: Ryan Fleming & Connie Gentry

Wednesday, October 30, 2019 – ISU Circus Room!!

Greeters: Angie Bubon & Bill Caisley

Lottery: Becky Goeckner & Gene Gudeman



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President John E. Bishop called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m. After Rotarians greeted each other, Bill Semlak gave the invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of one verse of "My Country 'tis of Thee".



Bill Semlak & John E. Bishop

Greeters were Bruce Bergethon and John A. Bishop; the Lottery was handled by Paul Enchelmayer Reporter was Mark Jontry; Photographer was Sherry Hawkins; and Editor was Becky Goeckner. There were no visiting Rotarians or guests today.



Nallely Ortiz & Lily Givens

We had two **October Students of the Month** in attendance, who talked about their favorite classes. Nallely Ortiz said that her favorite is English, as she loves to explore writing and communication. Lily Givens said that she loves her Criminal Justice class at BACC.



On This Day in History:

- 1859 Abolitionist John Brown leads 21 in raid on federal arsenal at Harper's Ferry, Virginia
- 1869 Hotel in Boston becomes 1st to have indoor plumbing
- 1923 John Harwood patents self-winding watch (Switzerland)
- 1950 The first edition of C. S. Lewis' "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe" is released in London
- 1978 Polish Cardinal Karol Wojtyla elected Pope John Paul II

Announcements:

- Future Meeting Locations:
October 23: ISU Alumni Center
October 30: Circus Room

- The District 6490 Polio Plus team is raffling off four 50-yard line seats at the Nov. 30 Northwestern-Illinois game. Tickets are \$10 each and if all the tickets are sold, it will net over \$7,000, including the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation match. See President John or you can buy tickets at the District Conference.
- Remember that Oct. 24 is World Polio Day. Gov. Pritzker will proclaim that for the state of Illinois. Electronic billboards around town will take note of the occasion. District Governor Julie Dobski has a special event planned. This will be an outdoor presentation declaring October 24th as World Polio Day in Illinois! District 6490 Governor Julie Dobski is cordially inviting Rotarians throughout the district and the state to join in the festivities. Location: Illinois State University - Bone Student Center Plaza - Thursday Oct-24, 2019 from 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM
- Greg Anvick reminded us that the Veterans Day One on One will be held Nov. 11 at the Doubletree, with social hour starting at 5 p.m. and dinner and program starting at 6 p.m. The idea is that each Rotarian that attends will also sponsor a veteran at this event. Sponsorship opportunities are available.
- Linda Healy reminded us that our turn at the Habitat Build is this Saturday...volunteers are needed, this weekend or ANY weekend!! Please contact Linda Healy if you are interested and can help or sign up on-line at <https://habitatmclean.volunteerhub.com/lp/normalrotary/>
- Adopt A Highway: Bill Semlak stated that there will be one more clean up on a Saturday morning in November. He will have more information next week.



Greg Anvick

No mystery host today. Greg Anvik won the \$14 **lottery** but did not draw the ACE....so the pot sits at \$650 and counting....

Judge Larissa McIlvain levied a fine on Bill Caisley for not wearing his Rotary pin in his photo announcing his decision to not run again for the County Board. Members thanked him for his service on the board!



Larissa McIlvain

Numerous happy fines were collected, topped by Linda Healy's \$50 contribution for her exuberance on many life events!



Bill Caisley



Hank Campbell



Bruce Bergethon



Linda Healy



Molly Gleason

Program:

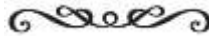
Molly Gleason from the Illinois Stewardship Alliance was our guest speaker. Molly was raised on a third generation grain farm in Elkhart, Illinois. She graduated from Illinois State University with a Spanish Education degree and spent a year abroad teaching in the Dominican Republic before settling back down to her roots in Central Illinois. She joined the Illinois Stewardship Alliance team in January of 2014 and has spent the past 6 years coordinating the Alliance's communications and local food programming.

On a day-to-day basis, Molly manages the Alliance's Buy Fresh Buy Local program, develops marketing campaigns to connect the public to local food in their area, and works directly with farmers to understand policy barriers around local food.

Some noteworthy facts from Molly's presentation:

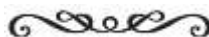
- If Central Illinois consumers spent just \$10 a week on locally produced food, we'd generate \$47million per week/\$2.5 billion per year in revenues
- 70% of the American diet is made up of processed food, which accounts for 2/3 of the adult population and 1/3 of the youth population being labeled overweight/obese
- Equitable food systems require policy changes at the state and national level
- Seed Sharing Libraries 'grew' out of legislative advocacy in 2015....Normal Public Library has one!

For more information and for a catalog of Farmer's Markets, Farm to table restaurants and other groups featuring Buy Fresh Buy Local products check out their website: www.ilstewards.org



The Thought for Today:

"True humility is not thinking less of yourself, but thinking of yourself less."
C. S. Lewis



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