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Wednesday, October 16, 2019 – ISU Braden Stage

Greeters: Gordon Bidner & John A. Bishop

Lottery: Art Drake & Paul Enchelmayer

Wednesday, October 23, 2019 – ISU Alumni Center

Greeters: Nancy Brokaw & Dayna Brown-Nielsen

Lottery: Ryan Fleming & Connie Gentry



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President John E. Bishop convened the Oct. 9 meeting of the Normal Rotary Club in Braden Auditorium. Hank Campbell gave the invocation and noted the sudden passing of Eric Varner, son of Rotarians Carson and Iris Varner.

Visiting Rotarian: Lyn Landon from Daybreak Rotary.

October Students of the Month introduced themselves briefly: Brice Ward of Normal Community High School, Lily Givens of Normal West, Nallely Ortiz of BACC and Amit Sawhney of University High.



John E. Bishop & Hank Campbell

This Day in History:

- 1000, Leif Ericson discovers “Vinland” (possibly L’Anse aux Meadows, Canada), reputedly becoming the first European to reach North America.
- 1888, Washington Monument opens for public admittance.
- 1915, Woodrow Wilson becomes the first U.S. President to attend a World Series game.
- 1965, Beatles’ “Yesterday” single goes to No. 1 and stays No. 1 for four weeks.
- 1986, “Phantom of the Opera” premieres in London, written by Andrew Lloyd Weber and starring Michael Crawford and Sarah Brightman.

Announcements:

- Future Meeting Locations:
 - October 16: Braden Stage
 - October 23: ISU Alumni Center
 - October 30: Circus Room
- The Rotary District Conference is coming up on Friday, Oct. 18th and Saturday, Oct. 19th. We voted, and will NOT be canceling the Oct 16th meeting.
- 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.
- Connie Gentry announced that Coats for Kids is kicking off its fund drive with a meeting.
- Hank Campbell reminded us 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.



Marcia Dennis

- Marcia Dennis 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.
- Art Drake announced that the NCHS Interact has various activities, including selling lemonade to benefit childhood cancer research, candy sales to sponsor community outings for special needs kids and possibly volunteering in Normal's Haunted Trail. Interact members also plan to commemorate World Polio Day.



Art Drake

- President John said the presidents of the five B-N Rotary Clubs will try to get more involvement from their presidents-elect.
- John also urged Rotarians to “be cool like Art” and step up to write the Spoke. (“Be cool like Art?” where was my fan base back in high school?)



Jim Rosenlund & David Taylor

Mystery Host: Jim Rosenlund presented the \$2 to **Judge** David Taylor for his various efforts, including working on Oktoberfest.

Lottery: Sherry Hawkins won a big \$11 but drew the wrong dang card and thereby missed out on the big pot of \$616.



Sherry Hawkins

Judge David Taylor fined Jim Rosenlund for being included in the “Twenty Under Forty” and for starting a new job. David also fined President John over a disagreement of how many amendments are in the U.S. Constitution. And then there were happy fines:

Happy fines:

- President John was happy that Rivian is planning an event for Sunday to give people a peek at what will be coming out of their factory. John also was happy about his recent promotion at Farnsworth.
- Lyn Landon reported that the Rotary Habitat for Humanity house is progressing well. Habitat is always interested in more help from Rotarians.
- Greg Anvick said he and his wife had a great time at Williamsburg.
- Art Drake was happy that President John was able to use his keen instincts to solve “The Case of the Missing Meeting Agenda.” (It was in Art’s pocket, right where Art had put it.)



Jim Rosenlund



John E. Bishop



Lyn Landon



Art Drake

Program:



David Kopsell

The speaker was David Kopsell, assistant chairperson and professor of horticulture at ISU. The department has 28 faculty and staff, and in the fall of 2019, there are over 500 undergraduates and MS graduate students in the department. Members of the faculty are active leaders in national academic ag organizations.



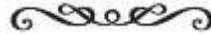
In addition to the Ropp Agriculture Building, ISU ag facilities include a farm near Lexington and 28 acres of display gardens in the horticulture center.



Two Thoughts for Today both from Woodrow Wilson:

*“You are not here merely to make a living.
You are here in order to enable the world to live more amply,
with greater vision, with a finer spirit of hope and achievement.
You are here to enrich the world, and you impoverish yourself if you forget the errand.”*

*“There is no higher religion than human service.
To work for the common good is the greatest creed.”*



Drake Zimmerman, Lyn Landon, Joe Mikulecky. and Todd Heiniger
at Habitat House - 812 W Washington - Bloomington
October 12, 2019

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