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October 2, 2019 – Birthday Auction
Celebrating August, September and October birthdays
Theme: Falling for Fall



Please bring a gift for the auction

AUGUST

2 - Bayo Adanri
4 - Hank Campbell
4 - Jeff Lindsay
6 - Elleke Mesdag
17 - Dianne Schultz
24 - Paul Enchelmayer

SEPTEMBER

3 - Gene Jontry
6 - Bill Rolley
17 - Bill Semlak
27 - Dale Strassheim

OCTOBER

6 - Ron Timmerman
8 - Drake Zimmerman
16 - Linda Healy
25 - Angie Fulton
27 - Rob Cranston



Wednesday, October 2, 2019 – ISU Braden Stage

Greeters: Bayo Adanri & Kathy Alexander
Lottery: Alan Chapman & Andy Copenhaver

Wednesday, October 9, 2019 – ISU Braden Stage

Greeters: Greg Anvick & Gruce Bergethon
Lottery: Barb Cotton & Rob Cranston

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Fred Hahn

Sitting in for our absent president, President-Elect Fred Hahn convened the Sept. 25, 2019, meeting of the Normal Rotary Club in the Bone Student Center's Ballroom III. Gene Jontry gave the invocation.

Visiting Rotarians: Dean Carr from Daybreak. Dean was selling popcorn to help fund Daybreak's participation in the Habitat for Humanity project.



Dean Carr

This Day in History:

- 1789 – Congress proposes the Bill of Rights.
- 1804 – Twelfth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, establishing the procedure for electing the president and vice president, becomes effective.
- 1926 – Henry Ford announces an 8-hour, 5-day work week.
- 1934 – Lou Gehrig plays in his 1,500th consecutive game.
- 1975 – Pink Floyd's concept album "Wish You Were Here" reaches No. 1 in the U.S., goes on to sell 13 million copies.

September Students of the Month:



Sara Patton, Sarah Brown, Grace Spader & Shanley Kearney

- Sara Patton of Normal Community High School said she has been happy to attend our Rotary meetings, leaving each meeting feeling lucky that there is a group like ours in the community. She enjoyed hearing the good things that good people are doing in our community.
- Sarah Brown of Normal West said she appreciated the warm welcome we extended to her. And she enjoyed hearing our guest speakers and learning about what our club does.
- Grace Spader of NCHS/BACC also enjoyed our club's welcoming atmosphere. She also realized the importance of being a part of something bigger than yourself.
- Shanley Kearney of U High came to look forward to Wednesday meetings and said she learned a lot from us – including the insight that community service is a lifelong effort.

Announcements:

- Future Meeting Locations:
 - October 2: Braden Stage
 - October 9: Braden Stage
 - October 16: Braden Stage
 - October 23: ISU Alumni Center
 - October 30: Circus Room
- Dayna Brown-Nielsen says our members should contact her if they are interested in hosting students one or two weeks out of the month. The idea is to allow the students to meet more Rotarians.
- Rotary District Conference will be held Oct. 18-19. Becky Goeckner urged our members to attend all or part of the conference – particularly Saturday's dinner, where our fellow member, Larry Dietz, ISU president, will give the keynote address. The easiest way to register for the conference is to go to www.rotarydistrict6490.org
- Next week is our October business meeting and quarterly birthday auction. Rotarians having birthdays in August, September or October should bring a gift. The theme is "Falling for Fall."
- Fred Hahn and Jack Moody attended the Rotary Leadership Institute. Fred said the conference was an excellent way to learn how Rotary works as well as ways to assemble working teams. Jack enjoyed learning about The Rotary Foundation and where the money goes.



Ray Ropp & Bruce Bergethon

Mystery Host: Ray Ropp presented the \$2 bill to Bruce Bergethon in an attempt (probably futile) to console Bruce for being a Pirates fan.

Lottery: Iris Varner won the \$20 prize, but drew the 4 of diamonds, missing out on the big \$582 jackpot. At photographer Sherry Hawkin's direction, Iris gave us a really sad face for not having won the big pot!



Iris Varner



David Taylor

Judge David Taylor fined in absentia President John E. Bishop in error as he challenged the number of total amendments to the U.S. Constitution.

This Editor reviewed the text from Spoke writer, Art Drake and the President's own written agenda, John did NOT reference the number of amendments in his **On This Day in History**. The actual question "How many amendments?" was posed by President-Elect Fred Hahn and the answer 27 was given by the audience. Judge Taylor challenged that and said that the answer was 26 since one amendment had been repealed.

So does anyone merit a fine????



Happy fines:

- Carson Varner was happy to be back from Jamaica and Paris (Illinois that is). He congratulated Becky Goeckner on her award and pointed out that Becky is from Jamaica (also Illinois).
- Greg Anvick is hosting Judith, a student from Halle University in Germany that is student teaching at Bloomington High School. He was happy to be planning an early Thanksgiving celebration to give her the Thanksgiving experience.
- Becky Goeckner is also hosting a Halle University student, Anni. Anni is student teaching in Unit 5 at Normal West High School. Her student is having a wonderful time at school and in the US. Becky was happy and a bit surprised that her guest enjoyed a trip to Hannibal, Mo., where she made her own souvenir: a bottle of Mississippi River water!
- Angie Bubon was happy to celebrate her second anniversary. She's also happy that Oktoberfest was so much fun and so successful.
- Bill Semlak was happy that the church party he helped organize was a success.
- David Taylor was happy to have taken his kids to Harmony Park where he saw that the park is being well used.

Program:



Quartet from the B/N based Orpheus Mandolin Orchestra.

Rotarian Bruce Bergethon and three other musicians, Martha Tyner, Jim Crusier and Sarah Curtis, played us a tune on their mandolins to introduce the club to the concept of a mandolin orchestra.

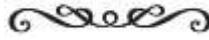
Bruce explained the history of the mandolin and told us that in the period from 1870-1920, it became a craze and displaced the banjo as the most popular musical instrument in the U.S.

In 1895, Bloomington became the home of the Orpheus Mandolin Orchestra. In 2003, a new mandolin ensemble formed and revived that name.

Oct. 9-13, the Orpheus Mandolin Orchestra will host the annual convention of classical mandolinists at the Marriott Hotel in Normal, dubbed MandoLincoln.

Featured performances are planned. The performances are free, with a suggested donation of \$10.
 --7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 10 at the Marriott.
 --7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11 at the Marriott.
 --7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12 at the ISU Center for the Performing Arts.

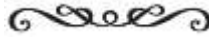
For more information, visit Orpheus Mandolin Orchestra on Facebook.



Today's Thought:

"Quality means doing it right when no one is looking."

--Henry Ford



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