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Remember to wish these Rotarians a happy birthday this month!

28 - Gordon Bidner

29 - Rod Weigelmann



Wednesday, November 6, 2019 – ISU Circus Room

Greeters: Nancy Brokaw & Dayna Brown-Nielsen

Lottery: Ryan Fleming & Connie Gentry

Wednesday, November 13, 2019 – ISU Circus Room

Greeters: Angie Bubon & Bill Caisley

Lottery: Fred Hahn & Sherry Hawkins

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President John E. Bishop convened the Oct. 30 meeting of the Normal Rotary Club, and Gordon Bidner offered the invocation.

Visiting Rotarians: Dean Carr, Daybreak

On This Day in History:

- 1768, First Methodist Church in North American colonies was initiated (Wesley Chapel, NYC).
- 1784, Napoleon Bonaparte was admitted to the elite Ecole Militaire in Paris, the start of his military career.
- 1873, P.T. Barnum's circus, "The Greatest Show on Earth," debuted in New York City.
- 1938, A radio broadcast of H.G. Wells' "The War of the Worlds," narrated by Orson Welles, allegedly causes a mass panic.
- 1952, Dr. Albert Schweitzer wins the Nobel Peace Prize.
- 1973, The Bosphorus Bridge in Istanbul, Turkey was completed, connecting the continents of Europe and Asia over the Bosphorus for the first time.



John E. Bishop

Announcements:

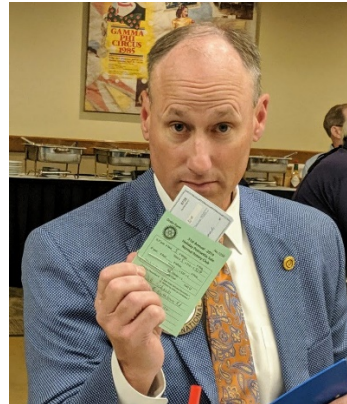
- Hank Campbell announced that the World Polio Day observance was held Thursday, Oct. 24, on the ISU campus. There was a proclamation by Gov. Pritzker and participation by the Mayors of Bloomington and Normal and by state Rep. Dan Brady.
- It's always powerful when Elleke Mesdag recalls times from her childhood. At this meeting, Elleke recalled that as a teenager she stood at the edge of her town in the Netherlands, waving a flag and cheering Allied soldiers who liberated her homeland in 1945. Soldiers were giving out chocolate and cigarettes, and one GI stopped and gave Elleke two cigarettes – one for her dad and one for her brother. This memory helped remind us that the Veterans Day One on One event will be held Nov.

11 at the Doubletree. There is still time to sign up. Make sure to pay Marcia Dennis.

- Bill Semlak said that this Saturday's weather forecast is too unfavorable to have Adopt A Highway, so he just went out there and picked up the trash himself.
- Linda Healy said Rotarians are needed to work at the Habitat for Humanity house that the five B-N Rotary Clubs are sponsoring. You can volunteer any Saturday. Sign up on the Habitat web site. Wear close toed shoes. Dress for the weather.
- Andy Copenhaver said poinsettia orders are supposed to be in by Nov. 20. The poinsettias will be in Dec. 6-7.
- Larissa McIlvain, the club's new Spoke editor (yayyy!) said Rotarians can sign up to write or photograph for the Spoke on a weekly basis. You can sign up online on Sign-Up Genius, which will e-mail you a reminder. Same goes for the invocations. Sign up today!
 - ✓ The Spoke sign-up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044caaad2aa3fa7-thespoke>
 - ✓ Invocations sign-up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044caaad2aa3fa7-normal>



Linda Healy



Andy Copenhaver

Mystery Host: Gordon Bidner presented the \$2 to Bayo Adanri.

Lottery: Paul Enchelmayer won the day's price of \$23 but drew a 7 of diamonds and thereby missed out on the big kahuna of \$680.

Students of the Month: Brice Ward of NCHS thanked the club for hosting him. He was impressed to see such kindness and sincerity among successful people, citing our work with Habitat, polio and Coats for Kids.

Dayna Brown-Nielsen said that another Student of the Month, Lily, was not able to attend because of surgery, but she conveyed her thanks for hosting her. Lily had a great experience.



Gordon Bidner and Bayo Adanri



Brice Ward

Happy Fines:

Judge: Linda Healy dinged everyone who had not yet sold a poinsettia. After that, the following people were happy:

- Becky Goeckner because the 19th annual art walk, in which her son-in-law participates, will be held 4-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 1 in Downtown Bloomington.
- Greg Anvick because his wife celebrated a notable birthday.
- Dayna Brown-Nielsen because Coats for Kids coats have been distributed in time for frigid weather and because, being as unhandy as she is, she worked on the Habitat house and had a good time trying something new and spending time with Rotarians.
- Alan Chapman was happy to receive poinsettia orders as a result of an article – of mysterious origin – that appeared in the Pantagraph with his e-mail address.

Program:

Becky Rogers told the club about her business, Organize my Clutter, that she started in 2008. The business offers organizing services for your homes, garages, basements, attics and more. She is a certified professional organizer and a member of the National Association of Productivity and Organizing Professionals and the Institute for Challenging Disorganization. Becky was accompanied by her assistant, Breanna Lane.



Becky Rogers,
Organize my Clutter

Becky said many people undertake an organizing project, but they forget to purge items they don't need. Some rules to live by: If it's broken, damaged, torn, stained and without value, toss it or recycle. If it's in good working condition but you don't use it or if you have a duplicate, donate or sell it. Ditto if it can be easily replaced. Regarding gifts, if it's given to you, you have the right to decide what happens to it.

If you love it, need it or use it and if it fits your lifestyle, keep it.

Becky emphasized this point: DON'T SAVE STUFF FOR YOUR KIDS. Ask them if they want the item and respect the answer.



The Thought for Today:

"The purpose of human life is to serve and to show compassion and the will to help others."

--Albert Schweitzer



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