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Remember to wish these Rotarians a happy birthday this month!

2 - Dayna Brown-Nielsen

4 - Andy Copenhagen

9 - Lindsey Smith

10 - Gene Gudeman

19 - Bill Caisley

21 - Miranda Johns-Cummings



Wednesday, December 25, 2019 – No Meeting

Wednesday, January 1, 2020 – No Meeting

Wednesday, January 8, 2020 – Circus Room

Greeters: Ryan Fleming & Connie Gentry

Lottery: Jack Moody & Matt Riehle

Reporter: Kathy Alexander

Photographer: Fred Hahn

Editor: Larissa McIlvain

President John E. Bishop convened the December 18, 2019 meeting of the Normal Rotary Club by welcoming everyone and asking us to greet one another. The reflection/invocation was given by Gordon Bidner who also led us in a moment of silence in memory of Heather Dennis.

President John extended thanks Art Drake who served as our Greeter and to Larissa McIlvain and Elleke Mesdag for selling lottery tickets. He also thanked for recording today's proceedings Kathy Alexander (reporter); Fred Hahn (photographer); and Larissa McIlvain (editor).

There were no visiting Rotarians. Bob Hunt introduced his son, Drew from Dubuque, Iowa as a guest.

This Day in History:

- 1787 New Jersey becomes 3rd state to ratify US constitution
- 1917 The 18th Amendment to the US Constitution, authorizing prohibition of alcohol, is approved by the US congress and sent to the states for ratification
- 1956 "To Tell the Truth" debuts on CBS-TV
- 1965 **Frank Borman** and Jim Lovell Splash down in Atlantic after two week Gemini VII mission
- 1966 **Dr. Seuss'** "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" airs for 1st time on CBS



Bob Hunt introduces son Drew

Announcements:

- Heather Erin Raaum Dennis age 42 of Bloomington IL 61701 passed away at 7:45 AM Monday, December 16, 2019 at her residence. Visitation will be 2:00 PM-5:00 Sunday, December 22, 2019 at Calvert & Metzler Memorial Home 1115 E. Washington St. Bloomington, IL Bloomington, IL. Her graveside service will be 11:00 AM Monday, December 23, 2019 at Funks Grove Cemetery, McLean IL. A service celebrating her life will be at a later date at Illinois State University. Her aunt Connie Cissna will be officiating. In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials be made to Humane Society of Central Illinois or University High School.
- Reminder about sign-up genius for the spoke photographer and reporter.
- Slate of Officers was presented:
 - President – Fred Hahn
 - President-Elect – Ann Haugo
 - Vice President – Jack Moody
 - Secretary – Marcia Dennis
 - Treasurer – Ryan Fleming
 - Director – David Taylor
 - Director – Angie Bubon
 - Past President – John Bishop

Directors with 1 year remaining on their term:

- Larissa McIlvain
- Dayna Brown-Neilson



Andy Copenhaver



Connie Gentry

- Andy Copenhaver shared an update on Poinsettias that “it’s over!” and he is still collecting checks. Sales are a little down from last year. Numbers will be reported in January.
- Coats for Kids: Connie Gentry announced it was the last day to contribute to Coats for Kids. She received a letter from Operation Warm that said receiving a new coat helps build confidence and gives a feeling of security and hope.

Judge David Taylor asked if there was a **Mystery Host**. Fred Hahn was the Mystery Host and he selected Linda Healy to receive the \$2 bill because she makes every day feel like a celebration.

Judge Taylor conducted the lottery and Fred Hahn was the lucky winner of the \$26. He failed to draw the Ace of Spades for \$789. Better luck next time!



Fred Hahn and Linda Healy



Judge David Taylor and Fred Hahn

Happy Fines:

- Alan Chapman fined himself for a photo published in the Normalite with ISU golf pro Laura Provost
- Rob Cranston for the U of IA coach recently passed away at age 90 who helped them win the Rose Bowl
- Hank Campbell for the 13 women starting classes at of Dreams are Possible
- Bill Caisley for only 93 days until Spring
- Gordon Bidner for a good report from Mayo's and a thanks for the great holiday party
- Bob Hunt for his son and his wife who earned a doctorate and produced a grandchild for him to spoil
- Connie Gentry who was proud to be a Rotarian as she observed Rotary projects while visiting the Cayman Islands.

Birthday Auction:

Ray Ropp served as auctioneer, with ring men Andy Copenhaver and Jim Rosenland. Winning bids were placed by Hank Campbell, Greg Anvick, Elleke Mesdeg, and Art Drake for a golf swing improver, lower bowl ISU Men's Basketball tickets, wine, and Maker's Mark Whiskey.



Ray Ropp



Rob Cranston



Bill Caisley



Gordon Bidner

Program: Club Committees

Directors indicated in **BOLD** *

Foundation Committee: Promote and assist with of the NRC Foundation for Rotary projects.

Promote and assist with the goals of the club toward the RI Foundation and Paul Harris Society.

Structure NRC Foundation to fund projects that align with RI areas of focus and disaster response.

***Angie Fulton** Ryan Fleming Dick Wagner Greg Anvick John A Bishop Gene Gudeman Surinder Sethi Ed Tanton

Membership Committee: Actively attract and engage NRC members. Orient, educate and involve new members with the purpose and mission of Rotary. Education/training actions, Local club and District 6490 structure and events, Leadership development opportunities.

Alan Chapman Marcia Dennis Jim Rosenlund Gordon Bidner Fred Hahn Connie Gentry

Public Relations: Organize and publish the SPOKE, the weekly newsletter, news items for the monthly District 6490 newsletter, promote activities and projects on Facebook and the NRC website.

***Larissa McIlvain, web site** Art Drake, Publicity Becky Goeckner, Spoke Bruce Bergathon

Club Administration: Plan, perform and engage members with logistical tasks that make the NRC successful. Speakers/Programs, Students of the month, Scholarship program, Reflection/Invocation, Special dates of District Programs, Social events, Holiday Party, Rural/Urban night.

*Dayna Brown-Neilsen Bruce Bergethon Alan Chapman Becky Goeckner John E Bishop
Ray Ropp Bill Semlak

Community Concerns/ Projects: Plan, organize and carry out local NRC community projects. Propose budget ranges, prepare grants and promote a calendar schedule for activities and service awards. Coats for Kids, Ice Cream Socials, Oakdale Promise Council, Holiday Parades, Veterans One on One, Adopt a Highway, Pennies for Polio, Poinsettias, other fund raisers or activities.

*David Taylor Bill Semlak Elleke Mestag Gene Jontry Linda Healy Dianne Schultz Andy
Copenhaver (Poinsettias) Hank Campbell Dale Strassheim Stephanie McClellan Connie Gentry

International Projects/Activities: Promote, plan, execute ideas for RI Global Grants, District grants and/or International service activities. Friends Forever, Polio Plus, Malaria projects, Health/disease prevention (Lamu), Education Projects (India), Mothers and Children projects (Children's Museum), Economic development (Octoberfest in Normal), District GG Committee.

Surinder Sethi Hank Campbell Linda Healy Drake Zimmerman

Next Week (1/8/20): Slate of officers will be presented to the Membership.



Thought for Today:

"Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not." - Dr. Seuss



Meeting was adjourned at 12:59.

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