



# The Normal Spoke

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## Wednesday, January 29, 2020 – Circus Room

Greeters: Ann Haugo & Sherry Hawkins

Lottery: Ed Tanton & David Taylor

## Wednesday, February 5, 2020 – Circus Room

Greeters: Linda Healy & Miranda Johns-Cummings

Lottery: Ron Timmerman & Carson Varner

## \*Wednesday, February 26, 2020 – Braden Stage



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The meeting started at 12:10 with Bruce giving the Invocation and thoughtfully incorporating MLK into it as Monday was MLK day.

Our greeters were Gene Gudeman & Fred Hahn and Lottery was taken care of by Greg Anvick.

We did not have any visiting Rotarians or guests today.



President John E. Bishop



Greeter Gene Gudeman



Greg Anvick selling lottery

## This Day in History:

- 1774 - British House of Lords rules authors do not have perpetual copyright
- 1903 - Due to drought the US side of Niagara Falls runs short of water
- 1973 - US & China agree to establish liaison offices in Beijing & Washington, D.C.
- 1980 – "Miracle on Ice": US ice hockey team beats heavily favored Soviet Union, 4-3 at Lake Placid in one of the biggest upsets in Olympic history; Americans go on to win gold medal. Also, My sister, Erin, is born.

- 1997 - Dolly the Sheep, world's first cloned mammal (from an adult cell) is announced by the Roslin Institute in Scotland

### Announcements:

Habitat begins building again this Saturday and a poinsettia update (remotely- Andy could not attend, but relayed the info to John via e-mail). Total sold: 1676 Most sold: Sm. Red 1006, most profitable are big red and we sold 326 of those. Alan Chapman provided a whopping 31% of all sales with 522. Prices were up, sales were down, some were not happy with the quality of the plants from the new distributor. Andy is looking into all of that and will report final profits soon.

Also, Surrinder Sethi has been nominated to serve on the Rotary International board.

### Membership Challenge message from NRC's membership chair Alan Chapman:

Strengthening and growing our membership with smart, energetic, diverse and passionate new members is vital to our future. As Membership Chair for our club, I issued a challenge to all members on December 18. I am asking each of you to invite at least two prospective members to our club as your guests between now and June 24, 2020. You might find them at work, church, or social events or activities. They might be professionals whose services you utilize or at businesses you patronize. Let's be watchful for opportunities to share Normal Rotary Club with others!

**Nominations are now being accepted for the 2020 Jim Collie Vocational Service Award and the Jack Wilz Public Health and Safety Award** that are presented annually by our club. Recent recipients include:

Bob and Julie Dobski      Bob Ward      Don Rutledge      Don Meyer      George Farnsworth      Laura Furlong  
 Bob Keller      Greg Koos      Mike Emery      Mark Peterson      Myra Gordon      NFD firemen/paramedics

The attached nomination form contains the description and eligibility criteria for each award. We ask that all nominations be submitted by March 4, 2020. Contact Mark or Gene Jontry if you have any questions.

Judge David Taylor had no fines to levy, Connie won the \$30 lottery, but did not win the \$800 pot.



*Judge David Taylor*



*Connie Gentry*



*Connie Gentry and Dayna Brown-Nielson*

There were a lot of happy people:

- Art-Read the Paul Simon biography, learned he was a Rotarian
- Jack-Met MLK's parents when he was 10.
- Lindsey-saw a Rotarian display at the festival of lights in WI

- Surinder-remembers Paul Simon visited BN Rotary years ago (I wonder if he had on his tie?)
- Bill- Happy to be alive
- Becky-Paul Simon was a speaker at a mock convention in Jr High (seems he got around)
- Bruce- did not meet him, but did see his office in DC when he went on a trip to thank him for his support of public radio
- Connie- 6<sup>th</sup> degree connection to Paul Simon
- Marcia-Heather worked at Warner Brothers 12 years ago when Perfect Storm was filming, said “mom. If you see a celebrity- you can’t embarrass me, I work here”. Marcia saw George Clooney playing basketball and had to stay calm! Poor Marcia!



*Art Drake*



*Jack Moody*



*Becky Goeckner*



*Bruce Bergethon, Bill Caisley, Bill Smlak and Connie Gentry*

**Guest Speaker:**

Our speaker today was Bill Funk from Funk’s Grove. He spoke about the history and about some of the options currently available (weddings, tours etc). The history goes all the way back to 1824 when 2 Funk brothers after the war of 1812 set out to find a homesite that would provide water, fertile soil and timber (heat and shelter). They settled in what is now Fun’s grove. They were followed 6 months later by Robert Stubblefield and his wife Dorothy Funk.

Today Funks Grove is the largest remaining intact prairie grove in the state with over 1,000 acres of high quality natural area. In the area you will find Funks Grove cemetery (public, but privately owned), Funks Grove Church built in 1864, Chapel in the trees, An Irish monument dedicate to the Irish killed while building the railroad, Funk Prairie home which you can tour, the largest one man gem collection in the word, a prairie barn built in the 1860s, maple sirup and even a Nature center-which we learn more about from Angela on 2/19.



*Bill Funk, Funk’s Grove*

**Upcoming Speaker Schedule:**

2/5/2020	Business Meeting
2/12	Pam Reece
2/19/2020	Angela Funk- Sugar Grove Nature Center
2/26/2020	Sarah Sanders- exchange student experience in Peru (Braden Stage)




**Thought for Today:**

“We should be dreaming. We grew up as kids having dreams, but now we’re too sophisticated as adults, as a nation. We stopped dreaming. We should always have dreams.” - Herb Brooks – Head Coach 1980 US Olympic Ice Hockey team



Meeting was adjourned at 12:59.

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