



# The Normal Spoke

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## Wednesday, February 5, 2020 – Circus Room

Greeters: Linda Healy & Miranda Johns-Cummings

Lottery: Ron Timmerman & Carson Varnier

## Wednesday, February 12, 2020 – Circus Room

Greeters: Gene Jontry & Mark Jontry

Lottery: Dick Wagner & Rod Weigelmann

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



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The meeting was called to order at 12:05. Judge Caisley gave the invocation. President John E. Bishop thanked Sherry Hawkins for greeting and Alan Chapman for filling in for lottery.

President John introduced Rotary Exchange Student - Luis Gaillermo Torre Gutierrez from Venezuela – Shared that he is playing basketball at Normal West, and they have games coming up.



President John E. Bishop



Linda Healy



Angie Bubon

### This Day in History:

- 1595 **William Shakespeare**'s play "Romeo and Juliet" is thought to have been first performed. Officially published early 1597.
- 1845 **Edgar Allan Poe**'s poem "Raven" 1st published
- 1920 **Walt Disney** starts work as an artist with KC Slide Co for \$40 a week
- 1929 Seeing Eye Guide Dog organization forms in USA

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**Announcements:**

- Habitat House builds restarting – this Saturday from 8-12. Let Linda know if you want to help. There is not a lot left to do and they are close to finding a family for the home
- Friends Forever – Linda shared that they had a meeting recently and thanks to generous donors they are only \$9K away from their fundraising goal.
- Angie Bubon shared that the Normal Rotary Club Scholarship applications were up online and the banquet will be Wed. May 6<sup>th</sup>.
- President John shared that Roger Well passed away –a moment of silence was held.
- John always shared that his father is in the ICU and to keep him in your thoughts and prayers.
- February 26<sup>th</sup> meeting is being relocated to the Braden Stage. We will follow up with this in the Spoke.

**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 Linda Healy*



*Rob Glover and Rob Cranston*



*Todd Kunze*

**Judge: Linda Healy**

- Mystery Host: Rob Cranston presented the \$2 to Rob Glover
- Lottery: Todd Kunze won the \$27 lottery but did not draw the Ace of Spades. \$840 rolls over until next week.
- Judge Linda fined all the Illini fans since Illini basketball is tied for first place in the big 10
- Judge Linda also fined all 49er and KC Chiefs fans because they are playing the Super bowl this weekend.

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## Happy Fines:

- Todd Kunze is happy because his wife is 6 years cancer free
- Iris is happy to have received a newly restored 1974 Opel vehicle
- Gene shared that Roger Weller was his teammate and he is proud of the life he lived.
- Elleke is happy to watch her first super bowl
- Hank is happy because he recently traveled to Denver and got to visit the new workplace of his son.
- Bill Semlak shared he was surprised at how few Illini fans were in the room
- Gordon was happy too

## Program: Terracycling – Melanie Ziomek & Janet Guaderrama

- TerraCycle's purpose is to eliminate the idea of waste by creating national recycling systems for previously non-recyclable or hard-to-recycle waste. Anyone can sign up for these programs, called the Brigades, and start sending them waste materials.
- Works with corporate sponsors who can re-use the recycled items
- Started in Melanie's garage, but has grown and now is housed in a garage at St. Luke's Church.
- Items that they collect – chip bags, candy wrappers, Brita Filters, Contact lenses – and much more! A full list can be seen on the Ecology Action Centers website.
- 24 Hour collection site at St. Luke's Church. Items can also be dropped off at Common Ground Grocery Store.
- You can help by collecting, volunteering, soliciting and spreading the word!
- Melanie shared that she has the distinction of collecting the most granola bar wrappers in the country



*Melanie Ziomek & Janet Guaderrama*

## Upcoming Speaker Schedule:

2/5/2020	Business Meeting
2/12/2020	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:***

*"Our heritage and ideals, our code and standards - the things we live by and teach our children - are preserved or diminished by how freely we exchange ideas and feelings." – Walt Disney*



*Meeting was adjourned at 12:59.*

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