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Remember to wish these Rotarians a
happy birthday this month!

- 8 - Alan Chapman
- 8 - Stephanie McClellan
- 15 - Connie Gentry
- 23 - Arthur Runyon



Wednesday, February 19, 2020 – Circus Room

Greeters: Todd Kunze & Stephanie McClellan

Lottery: Matt Wyss & Drake Zimmerman

Wednesday, February 26, 2020 – Braden Stage

Greeters: Larissa McIlvain & Elleke Mesdag

Lottery: Kathy Alexander & Greg Anvick

Reporter: Becky Goeckner

Photographer: Sherry Hawkins

Editor: Larissa McIlvain

The February 12 meeting of the Normal Rotary Club began with greetings from President John E. Bishop. He had us welcome one another before asking Gordon Bidner if he could sub for Hank Campbell and provide us with today's invocation.

John then thanked Dick Wagner for lottery sales, Alan Chapman for being greeter, Becky Goeckner for reporting, Sherry Hawkins for taking photos and Larissa McIlvain for being the Spoke Editor. John also provided us with an update on his father's condition. His Dad does have a brain tumor and is awaiting results of a brain biopsy. But on a happier note his Dad is communicating again. John shared with us that Fred Hahn's son is having some cardiac issues and so Fred has gone to be with him.



President John E. Bishop

Andy Copenhaver introduced our February Students of the Month. Each one told of their future plans.

- Amera from the Bloomington Area Career Center plans to start off at Heartland and is interested in pursuing a career in nursing
- Jeanette from Normal Community West High School will be attending the University of Missouri in St. Louis. Her major will be history and plans to follow up her bachelor's degree with a masters.
- Brad from U-High isn't sure which university for his pursuit of a career in film and entertainment. He's looking at schools in big cities such as New York, Dallas and Chicago

- Amelia also from U-High has chosen which university to attend. However, she will pursue a double major in chemical and mechanical engineering



Amera, BCC



Jeanette, NCWHS



Amelia, UHigh



Brad, UHigh

Ray Ropp introduced our Rotary High School Exchange Student Luis Gaillermo Torre Gutierrez from Venezuela. Luis is attending Normal Community West High School and is playing basketball there.

This Day in History:

- 1809 Abraham Lincoln, American politician (R) 16th President (1861-65), born in Hardin County, Kentucky
- 1873 US Congress passes the Coinage Act of 1873, abolishing bimetallism and placing the country on the gold standard.
- 1878 Frederick Thayer patents catcher's mask (39 years after baseball was invented)
- 1914 Dedication ceremony for the about to be constructed Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C.
- 1924 George Gershwin's "Rhapsody In Blue" premieres at influential concert "Experiment in Modern Music" held by Paul Whiteman and his Orchestra at the Aeolian Hall, NYC



Luis Gaillermo Torre Gutierrez

Announcements:

- President John reminded us that our February 26th meeting will be held on stage in Braden Auditorium
- He read us Heather Dennis' obituary (Marcia's daughter). Her celebration of life will be held this Friday, February 14 at ISU in the Atrium of the Bone Student Center. An Open House will be held from 3:00-6:00 p.m. with a program starting at 4:30.
- Linda Healy announced that the Habitat for Humanity build will NOT take place this Saturday because of the low temperatures which are forecast
- Becky Goeckner reported that she was filling in for Marcia Dennis as Secretary today because Marcia's husband Mike is in the hospital with a bacterial infection in his lungs.

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: Bruce Bergethon was called to the podium before he could finish chewing the food in his mouth. He stalled for a bit then he launched a 4-part trivia test that was all about this past Sunday's Oscar program. Since only a few had watched the Oscar's on TV most were either totally lost or hoped that what they heard or read in the news would suffice.

1. What was the Best Film? – Parasite
2. What auspicious, prestigious midwest university was mentioned in the above referenced Best Film? – ISU
3. What local media brought this to our attention? – WGLT, The Pantagraph
4. In this Best Film there was a bit of irony, what was that? – ISU was said to be located in Chicago



Jack Moody

Judge Bruce then asked if there was a Mystery Host. Art Runyon stood up and acknowledged that he was the Mystery Host and that he wanted to recognize a really good Rotarian that he himself had introduced into membership. Art then wandered across the room to bestow the \$2 on Alan Chapman.

The lottery garnered a lot of attention. Today's numbers included the following: \$25 to the winning ticket holder; 6 cards to draw the Ace of Spades from; and \$926 in the big pot. Jack Moody held the winning ticket but failed to draw the Ace of Spades. He drew instead the 7 of Clubs. So the pot rolls over to next week. The BIG question? Will it swell to be more than \$1,000??

It was then time for the Judiciary to act. First Bruce went through the 4-part trivia test and its answers. A show of hands indicated those with correct answers. After all 4 questions were answered it was determined that anyone who got all 4 correct; would need to pay a \$1 fine. I believe Greg Anvick had to pay. Were there any others???

Before Judge Bruce could begin soliciting Happy Fines, Gordon Bidner brought to everyone's attention that a certain member appeared on the back cover of the Spring Edition of ISU Senior Professionals – and that the photo was even in color! Judge Bruce admitted that he was that person, but balked slightly when asked to pay \$2 instead of \$1, because again, the photo WAS in color!

Happy Fines:

- Dick Wagner grateful for his wife Eileen's successful open heart surgery yesterday; put in \$20. She was doing so well today that she was sitting up in a chair and was eating her breakfast.
- Larissa McIlvain was happy to announce that she is expecting a boy – due in August.
- Alan Chapman returned to Art Runyon the accolades heaped on him by Art.

Program: Today's program was on the Town of Normal was given by Pam Reece. Pam is the City Manager for the Town of Normal. She was first hired in 1991, since being hired; Pam was promoted to Assistant to the City Manager in 1994, to Assistance City Manager in 1998 and to Deputy City Manager in 2010 before being selected as only the third City Manager to serve Normal. During her tenure with the Town, she has been involved with projects including Children's Discovery Museum construction, Fire Station 3 construction and Uptown Station construction.



Pam Reece

Pam holds a Master of Public Administration degree and a bachelor's of Business Administration degree from Western Michigan University. She is a member of the International City/County Management Association and Illinois City/County Management Association, which she served as President of the Downstate City Managers in 2000-01.

Pam began by sharing with us today's focus in the Town of Normal is snow! Crews are preparing salt trucks and snow plows in preparation for today's forecasted snow. This according to an update on her phone was starting to fall right now. She said that crews were busy out repairing broken water mains, the result of temperatures rising and falling repeatedly this winter.

2020 is a new decade and rather than reflect on past accomplishments, Pam chose to focus on the new decade ahead. While the past decade could be described as fast moving there appears to be no slowdown in the years to ahead. The Town of Normal will continue to work with the Economic Development Council, Rivian and others to assure that our community continues to grow. The Town will work in partnership with ISU to encourage and develop innovation and entrepreneurship. The Town wants to make sure that students coming to B/N have opportunities for employment and housing.

Technology is always advancing. The Town of Normal is trying to take a "Smart City" approach with regard to technology and innovation. This is to benefit not only the operation of the Town but also the transit system, citizens, businesses and our overall infrastructure. A regional approach is being taken, allowing cities, towns, and the county to work and collaborate together to plan. Planning for changes in technology, rather than reacting to changes is their goal.

5G – something most of us had no knowledge of. I for one had to do some research. Thanks to Google and WGLT, I found the following <https://www.wglt.org/post/mayors-seek-local-control-over-5g-wireless-rollout#stream/0> :

"U.S. mayors want to make sure the rollout of faster 5G wireless service doesn't clutter up their communities. Normal Mayor Chris Koos recently attended the U.S. Conference of Mayors meeting in Hawaii. Koos serves on the group's transportation and communications committee, along with Bloomington Mayor Tari Renner.

5G is wireless, but it's a bit different from the wireless we already know.

Current cell towers cover a several-mile radius, but they are as big as tall pine trees. 5G cells are the size of laptops, and they cover only a radius of around a couple of thousand feet. But they can easily be installed on telephone poles and light poles.

Installing all those small cells could increase visual clutter in a town's landscape, Koos said.

"It can be pretty unsightly, and people will be very upset by that. So we want the ability to have some local control on that," Koos said on WGLT's Sound Ideas.

Local governments "lost the battle" on retaining local control of fiber optic cable installation, Koos said, giving telecommunications companies wide latitude on where fiber can be placed.

And while telecoms are focused on big cities for now, it's only a matter of time before 5G reaches midsized communities like Bloomington-Normal.

"We would like local control over how that's rolled out in our community. So it's a big issue for mayors. The telecoms are fighting that at the federal level. They want federal control only and no control in terms of local," said Koos."

Next Pam talked about the 2020 Census and the importance of each and every person being counted. The Town of Normal will have vehicles acting like moving billboards, promoting Census completion and will be working with ISU and Heartland. An accurate count in terms of the number of residents matters. Why do numbers matter? (1) Legislature districts are drawn based on population. We need to be represented fairly; (2) Municipal budgets are based on funds per capita from both Income Tax and the Motor Fuel Tax for example.

So be on the lookout for a Post Card from the U.S. Census Bureau. Follow the directions, Log-in and complete your Census as soon as you receive your post card!

Upcoming Speaker Schedule:

2/19/2020	Angela Funk- Sugar Grove Nature Center
2/26/2020	Sarah Sanders- exchange student experience in Peru (Braden Stage)
3/4/2020	Club Business



Thought for Today:

"It often requires more courage to dare to do right than to fear to do wrong."- Abraham Lincoln



Meeting was adjourned at 12:59.

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