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Wednesday, March 4, 2020 – ISU Circus Room!!

Greeters: Jack Moody & Matt Riehle

Lottery: Bruce Bergethon & Gordon Bidner

Birthday Auction for those having birthdays in January, February or March

Wednesday, March 11, 2020 – ISU Circus Room

Greeters: Ray Roppp & Jim Rosenlund

Lottery: John A. Bishop & Nancy Brokaw

Remember to wish these Rotarians
a Happy Birthday this month!

- 6 - Mel Schultz
- 26 - Surinder Sethi
- 27 - Becky Goeckner
- 27 – David Taylor



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President John E. Bishop convened the Feb. 26, 2020 meeting of the Normal Rotary Club on the stage of Braden Auditorium. Ryan Fleming gave the reflection. We pledged. We sang.

This Day in History:

- 1616 - Roman Inquisition delivers injunction to Galileo demanding he abandon his belief in heliocentrism, which states that the Earth and planets revolve around the sun.
- 1863 – Abraham Lincoln signs the National Currency Act, which established a single national U.S. Currency.
- 1916 – Mutual signs Charlie Chaplin to a film contract.
- 1929 – President Calvin Coolidge establishes Grand Teton National Park.
- 1977 – First flight of the Space Shuttle (atop a Boeing 747)



John E. Bishop

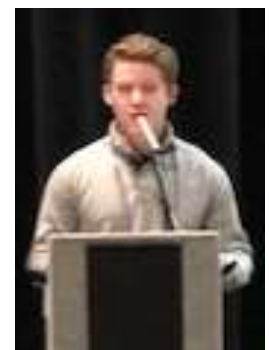
Visiting Rotarian: Lyn Landon, Bloomington

Guest: Abraham Siniga Aqamora, Lyn's son-in-law who is from Peru



Students of the Month:

- Unit 5 students were not in attendance by the district had declared Wednesday a snow day which ruled out extra-curricular activities.
- Amelia, from U High, has enjoyed visiting Rotary all month because it shows that there are ways she can help people throughout her life.
- Brad, also from U High, said he enjoyed learning from Rotarians' passion for service.





Linda Healy



Angie Bubon

Announcements:

• Linda Healy announced that building at the Rotary-sponsored Habitat for Humanity house will continue from 8-12 Saturday, Feb. 29. Last weekend's team had a lot of fun and did a lot of good work. Linda Healy asked if anyone could provide snacks for the crew this Saturday – Becky Goeckner volunteered. Linda said we can work any Saturday. Sign up at <https://habitatmclean.volunteerhub.com/lp/normalrotary/>

• Angie Bubon announced that preparations are underway for Normal Rotary's scholarship presentations. She passed around a sign-up sheet for members interested in conducting interviews. Interviews are to be completed by April 7 and the banquet will be held May 6.

- *(This wasn't announced, but after the meeting, I asked President John about his father's recent surgery. It went reasonably well.)*



Barb Cotton & Becky Goeckner

Mystery host: Barb Cotton presented the \$2 to Becky Goeckner for her involvement in Rotary and beyond. Barb said that Becky had invited her to a fundraiser luncheon for the YWCA last week.

Lottery: The suspense builds. Bill Caisley won the \$33 weekly pot but failed to draw the Ace of Spades to win the \$998 big prize. There are now three cards left in the deck and one of them is the Ace of Spades.



Bill Caisley

Judge: David Taylor presided over collecting the **happy fines**.

--Greg Anvick was happy about plans for a trip to Florida.

--Bill Caisley was happy that the countdown to spring seems to be coming along nicely.

--Drake Zimmerman was happy that last Saturday's Habitat build occurred in reasonable late-winter weather and that the same is forecast for this coming Saturday.

--Art Drake was happy that last Saturday's District Youth Conference for Interact and Rotaract is over and that it went well.



David Taylor

--Linda Healy, Hank Campbell and Drake Zimmerman were all happy about the graduation of the first class of the Dreams Are Possible job training program for women.

--Gene Jontry was happy about ISU's recognition of its past basketball players who scored 1,000 points and more. While Gene did not score 1,000 points he does hold the free-throw record for 63 years!

--Lyn Landon was happy to be joined by her son-in-law, who is from South America and who was able to hear the presentation about a Rotary Youth Exchange stay in Peru.

--Marcia Dennis was happy for Art Drake's work on the District Youth Conference. She also wanted to clarify that in last week's Spoke, she was not MERELY rocking accessories, she was modeling a purse which needed to be reclaimed by someone. Feel free to ask David Taylor about this.

--Kathy Alexander was happy to have a chance to hear our speaker Sarah Sanders. Kathy had read about Sarah in ISU's magazine last fall.

Happy Rotarians



Greg Anvick



Bill Caisley



Drake
Zimmerman



Art Drake



Linda Healy



Hank Campbell



Gene Jontry



Lyn Landon



Marcia Dennis



Kathy Alexander



Sarah Sanders



Program: Sarah Sanders is an ISU freshman from Marion who spent her high school senior year 2018-19 as a Rotary Youth Exchange student in Peru. For part of that time, she lived in Arequipa, population over 1 million, located in southern Peru. The city is framed by three volcanoes, and its residents are very proud of their city. She also spent part of her stay in Lima, Peru's capital city.

Through Rotary Youth Exchange, Sarah learned how big the world is through her contacts with other RYE students in the area. She also learned cultural values, such as the necessity to greet everyone in any room with an air kiss and to say goodbye with a similarly time-consuming process. She also learned that it's important to lavish praise on whatever huge portion of food is set before her and to eat every bite or risk offending the cook.

While in Peru, Sarah and other RYE students participated in service projects like building an elevated shelter to serve as a back-up school in the event of flooding, painting a school building, providing books, toys and shoes to students. She was amazed that people in the Amazon region have so little but were still welcoming and generous. Sarah had the opportunity to take university classes in Peru and to student teach.

It was hard to leave friends and host families in Peru, and she looks forward to returning there over spring break.



The Thought for Today:

"I like to see a man proud of the place in which he lives. I like to see a man live so that his place will be proud of him."

--Abraham Lincoln

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