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Wednesday, November 15, 2017 - Meet back in the Circus Room

Greeters: Tom Gibson & Becky Goeckner

Lottery: Todd Anderson & Greg Anvick

Program: Leah Johnson – ISU Volleyball Coach

Wednesday, November 22, 2017 –

Meet at ISU Alumni Center 1101 N. Main St. Normal

Greeters: Gene Gudeman & Sherry Hawkins

Lottery: Bruce Bergethon & Gordon Bidner

Program: A Pilgrim Story



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President Hank Campbell convened the Nov. 8 meeting of the Normal Rotary Club in something called Prairie South. (I found my way there, but I still don't know where it is.)

All the usual preliminaries were observed, but let's get this important stuff out of the way first. Meeting locations are going to keep us on our toes in the next few weeks:

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November 15th: We are back in the Circus Room
- November 22nd and 29th** ISU Alumni Center. 1101 N. Main St. Normal
- December 6th:** Holiday party at the ISU Hancock Stadium Room at 5:30 - NO NOON MEETING THAT DAY.
- December 13th and 20th:** ISU Alumni Center 1101 N. Main St. Normal
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January 3rd: ISU Alumni Center 1101 N. Main St. Normal

Got that? Now back to our regularly scheduled Spoke routine:

Bill Semlak presented the invocation and, since Hank did not provide us with a singing scapegoat to lead "My Country 'Tis of Thee", we burst into song spontaneously. Good thing it didn't sound too bad – this time. ("Singing Scapegoats" would be a good name for a rock band.)

Thoughts and prayers are with Don Rutledge and Connie Gentry. Hank spoke to Don, who has just completed his eighth round of chemo. Don's doing as well as he can and appreciates our concern.

Visiting Rotarians: Kort Podeszwa, director of Camp For All in Houston, Texas. He's a member of the Washington County (Texas) Rotary Club. He was impressed by our Veterans One on One project and our Ace of Spades drawing.

Guests: Art Drake introduced Rachel Sabella, an ISU freshman from O'Fallon, Illinois. She was a Rotary Youth Exchange student in India and visited us in order to keep up her connection to Rotary. Rob Cranston introduced Sarah Grammer, Normal Township Supervisor.



Kort Podeszwa



Surinder Sethi & Rachel Sabella



Sarah Grammer & Rob Cranston

November Students of the Month:

- Paul Enchelmayer introduced Christian Lopez from U High. Christian is captain of the soccer team. He plans to study business or finance or accounting.
- Greg Anvick introduced Zach Bradford from the Bloomington Area Career Center. Zach is a pole vaulter, who is ranked #2 in the country. He plans to attend Kansas University.
- Dianne Schultz introduced Lexi Showalter from Normal Community High School. She intends to study computer science.
- Bruce Bergethon introduced Melissa Pish from Normal West. She plans to study biology at Duke University with an eye toward a career in medicine and pediatrics. She is on the high school swim team.



Paul Enchelmayer & Christian Lopez



Zach Bradford & Greg Anvick



Dianne Schultz & Lexi Showalter



Melissa Pish & Bruce Bergethon

Announcements:

- Look at the meeting locations at the top of this Spoke and DON'T FORGET. (Sure.)
- Deadline for ordering poinsettias is Nov. 22. Don't forget this either.
- Congratulations to Sunset Rotary on its \$2,500 grant for trees along Bloomington's Market Street and for sponsoring the drilling of 10 water wells in Cambodia.
- Cheers for Marcia Dennis and John A. Bishop for their work on Veterans Day One on One.
- The Global Grants Committee for District 6490 has approved support of \$10,000 DDF for our club to help the Seattle #5 Rotary Club with their Malaria project.
- Rotary night will be observed Nov. 17 at the ISU Women's Volleyball game.
- Normal Rotary's holiday party will be held Dec. 6 at Hancock Stadium. We will share the evening with Daybreak Rotarians.



Hank Campbell & Ron Timmerman

Lottery Drawing:

Ron Timmerman, last week's winner, was not able to draw for the big pot last week because that tiny little deck of cards wasn't where it was supposed to be. So he gave it a shot this week, drawing the wrong card and missing out on a \$735+ jackpot.

Student Melissa Pish won this week's \$21 prize, but she too missed out on the Big Chihuahua. Maybe next week....



Melissa Pish



Larissa McIlvain

Judge: Judge Larissa McIlvain didn't fine anybody for failing to sit at the front table, but she could have. Instead, she issued a friendly warning. (Is she soft on crime?) She also recognized Scott Ice because students at Calvary Christian Academy did some service work for the Town of Normal.

Happy Fines:

- Diane Schultz put in a plug for the Festival of Trees Nov. 17-19, which will benefit the Baby Fold and all the families and children that they serve.



Diane Schultz

- Visiting Rotarian Kurt Podeszwa was happy to steal the Ace of Spades drawing idea – which we no doubt stole from someone else.
- Nancy Brokaw put in a plug for the Holiday Spectacular Dec. 1, 2 and 3. There's a cast of 140 – lots of talent in this community.
- John A. Bishop was happy that Veterans Day One on One will be attended by 200 people.

- Vandana Naik was happy that she climbed the stairs of Willis Tower (Sears Tower) and lived to tell about it.



Nancy Brokaw



John A. Bishop



Vandana Naik

Program: American Legion



Alan Chapman

Alan Chapman introduced our guest speaker: Dan Maffeo of the American Legion Carl S. Martin Post 635 in Normal. Dan told about Legion activities locally and nationally. The post is named for a Normal resident who died in 1922 of World War I wounds.

Nationally, the American Legion is active in promoting patriotic values and supporting veterans and the families of fallen veterans. In the past the Legion was instrumental in establishing the Veterans Administration and passage of the GI Bill.



Dan Maffeo

In the community, Post 635 meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. They are active in Boys State and Girls State, the Youth Police Program and providing gifts to veterans. The Post's honor guard is one of the finest around, and the honor guard attends about 100 funerals a year in addition to about 60 other events. Dan's fellow Legion members presented a moving demonstration of a flag presentation.

Post 635 would like to move because some members have a hard time reaching their location on the second floor of the building above the Garlic Press. The Post would like someone to step forward to donate office space or a building site.



Honor Guard

Dan hopes that everyone will take time to "thank a veteran" on this Veteran's Day.

Hank's Thought for the Day comes from Margaret Thatcher: *"If you want something SAID, ask a man. If you want something DONE, ask a woman."*

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