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Wednesday, March 22, 2017

Greeters: Bill Caisley & Hank Campbell
Lottery: Dale Strassheim & Ed Tanton

Wednesday, March 29, 2017

Greeters: Jim Carter & Alan Chapman
Lottery: David Taylor & Ron Timmerman



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Dayna Brown
& Jim Rosenlund

President Jim Rosenlund called the meeting to order. The invocation was given by Dayna Brown, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of one verse of America.

Then Jim asked for a minute of silence as he told us the sad news of Bob Ward's passing. His funeral will be 10 a.m. Saturday at First Presbyterian Church, 2000 E. College Ave., Normal. Visitation will be 4 to 7 p.m. Friday at Calvert & Metzler Memorial Home, Bloomington, and one hour prior to the service at the church on Saturday.



Jim Rosenlund



Gordon Ropp

Gordy Ropp reminded us all how proud Bob was to be one of the longest standing members of Normal Rotary. Jim Carter told us Bob designed the Bone Student Center and even the lights in the Circus Room were his design. I personally have wondered many times why the random pattern, now I know. Bob just threw bits of paper down on the design and where they landed, is where a light went.



Jim Carter

We had 2 **visitors** today, Sheryl Gaines and Dr. Mark Daniel.

Students of the Month told us about their extracurricular activities today. Jim Carter introduced Dakota Cremeenss (NCHS), he is involved in the school council, Basketball and football. Alexander Barth (BACC) was introduced by Gordon Bidner and he is very involved with leadership at his church. Sam Fansler (U-High) is involved in tennis, math and U-build.



Cheryl Gaines & Todd Anderson



Dayna Brown & Dr. Mark Daniel



March Students of the Month
Dakota Creemens, Alexander Barth & Sam Fansler

Announcements:

- Jim Rosenlund said to please sign up for the 5 club even, which was this last Saturday, so I hope we had some in attendance.
- The District Conference will be May 6-7th in Champaign.
- Marcia Dennis, Connie Gentry, Elleke Mesdag and Becky Goeckner have created a new committee to update/replace our old banners, including the one with the misspelled word for the last 15 years.
- PLEASE everyone come up with some ideas for local projects!



Marcia Dennis



Judge
David Taylor

Judge David Taylor did not have anyone to fine this time.

Jim Carter was the **Mystery Host**, he gave the \$2 to Becky Goeckner for the outstanding job she does with the Spoke (including when the writers don't get her the notes!).

Bruce Bergethon won the **Lottery** of \$10, but drew a 3 of hearts and missed out on the \$208.



Becky Goeckner & Jim Carter



Bruce Bergethon

Happy Fines:

- Dale Stasheim was happy to be back from Florida and we are glad he's back!
- Iris Varner was happy her great-niece is back home, safe in Germany. She reported that Vivian was so fascinated with the \$2 bill given to her last week by Mystery Host Surinder Sethi that she plans to frame it as a keepsake
- Jim Carter was happy that his house sold and is excited to be moving to Virginia in April.
- Bruce Bergethon was happy he is not a basketball coach in Illinois last week and gave his \$10 winnings to literacy. Thanks Bruce!



Dale Strassheim



Iris Varner



Bruce Bergethon



John Puzauskas

Program:

Our speaker was John Puzauskas - Unit 5 School Board President.

John has been a board member of Mclean County Unit 5 since 2005, including serving as president from 2011-2015. Much of his professional career has been in nuclear power operations, and as such, school safety has always been a priority for him. Unit 5 has made significant safety enhancements and upgrades in general over the years.



After working at the Clinton Power Plant, John took a position at State Farm, adopted 2 kids and became involved in PTO, which lead him to the board position.

Unit 5 has 13 thousand students, 17 elementary schools, 4 junior high schools, 2 high schools and 1 vocational school. The district covers 214 sq. miles and has a \$150 million a year budget.

In 2008 a \$96 million referendum was passed allowing Unit 5 to build 2.5 elementary schools and upgrade the existing schools both structurally and with IT.

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