



## The Normal Spoke

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### Wednesday, November 16, 2016

Head Table: Matt Wyss & Drake Zimmerman

Greeters: Ron Pacha & Robert Porter

Lottery: Rob Glover & Connie Gentry

### Wednesday, November 23, 2016

Head Table: Bayo Adanri & Todd Anderson

Greeters: Radha Radhakrishan & Matt Riehle

Lottery: Gene Gudeman & Sherry Hawkins



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President Jim Rosenlund rang the bell at 12:05 pm to begin the weekly meeting of the Normal Rotary Club. Members greeted one another, Gene Jontry gave the **Invocation**, we recited the Pledge of Allegiance and Art Drake did a wonderful job leading the group in the singing of America.



Gene Jontry



Club Members Saying the Pledge



Angie Fulton  
& Matt Wyss singing

Rita Feyelon **visited** our meeting and is interested in learning more about the club. Our four **November Students of the Months**, Alex Rich (Normal West), Emily Rodriguez (U High), Bradley Rozario (NCHS) and Abigail Davis (BACC-Olympia), joined us again this week. Each student spoke about their extracurricular activities or career plans.

### Announcements:

- Don't forget the **Veterans Day One on One** event on Friday, November 11. You can still attend! Cost is \$25 per person; registration begins at 5:15 pm and dinner is served at 6:00 pm.



Rita Feyelon & John A. Bishop

- Remember to turn in your **Poinsettia Orders** to Andy Copenhaver. The last day to submit orders is November 23.
- We gave a \$480 grant to the **Oakdale Elementary School** for door-mounted crisis emergency boxes. Thank you for your support!
- Online shopping? Remember to use Amazon Smiles to donate a percentage of your purchases back to the club! <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/37-1262194>
- Please keep Rob Cranston in your thoughts. He is undergoing surgery for his continued fight against cancer.



Remember Poinsettias come in red, white & pink



David Taylor

If you have a nonprofit you'd like to nominate for the **Chamber Awards Gala**, contact David Taylor.

Dayna Brown-Nielsen reminded us that next week is the last week to sign up for the **Holiday Party**. The party will be on Wednesday, December 7 in the Hancock Stadium Room. Don't miss out on a fun night and a chance to hear Bruce Bergethon's band play!



Dayna Brown-Nielsen

Before moving to be near family and leaving our club, Cynthia Kukla donated two prints of one of her original water colors to benefit the **Normal Rotary Foundation**. One has been sold to Andy Copenhaver. We are raffling off the second one to raise money for the **Normal Rotary Foundation**. Only 100 chances will be sold – 2 entries for \$5. The winner will be drawn on December 14.

Some of you may recognize the scene. It is the "Island At The Fifth – The Den at Fox Creek – Bloomington, Illinois.



Ron Springer

Ron Springer was this week's **Mystery Host**. He and gave the \$2 bill to Andy Copenhaver....for making a fool out of himself?? *For clarification Ron wasn't saying that Andy had made a fool of himself – instead Ron had. While in Branson he was called up on the stage because he had a \$2 bill in his wallet from Rotary. While on stage he had to walk with a potato between his knees.*

This week's **Lottery Winner** was Jim Carter who went home \$18 richer. Congratulations, Jim! Sadly, he did not pull the Ace of Spades and so the pot grew to \$433.



Jim Carter



Heather Wagner

**Judge Heather Wagner** gave \$5 in honor of the Cubs World Series win! She then loosely fined the crowd of both Cub fans and non-fans. Linda Healy and Becky Goeckner were both happy for some reason related to the Cubs. John A. Bishop was happy for the great relationship we have with Westminster for the Veterans One on One Event (thanks, Matt Riehle!). Jim Carter an Indiana University graduate was glad to see a fellow grad be elected as Vice President (although he didn't vote for him).



Jim Rosenlund & Gordon Ropp

We managed to have a successful **Birthday Auction** with no November Birthday Auction gifts to auction off. *That was despite there being three active members with birthdays in November – and one was even in attendance!* President Jim dug up a few pieces Normal Public Library swag and Gordy worked his magic! Over \$30 was raised. Thanks to Elleke Mesdag who bought the sun glasses and Art Drake who bought the magnetic chip clip!

President Jim ended the meeting talking about the need for our nation to come together after the Presidential Election. He read an invocation given by John Carter at the Sunrise Rotary Club:

*“Today, may I be open to others' ideas and beliefs, respectful of our differences, not threatened by them. May I grow in understanding of my own motives, knowing that people often act out of their own fears. May I be a force replacing fear with insight, helping us to be patient and kind as we talk. Strength, real strength, can always find compromise, working together, may we find a common ground, enable us to move forward with a shared purpose. May we see what is truly important and unites us, focusing on that, to banish road blocks of ego and fear, today, may I be open to others' ideas and beliefs and May God bless our nation.”*

Don't miss the **November 23 meeting** when we will hear from our special guest, Sam Fuller!

### Additional Photos of the Day



Elleke Mesdag



Alan Chapman & Iris Varner



Once again, President Jim Rosenlund had the whole head table to himself.



Becky Goeckner  
& Gene Gudeman



Congratulations Bill Caisley on your  
Re-election to the McLean County Board



Our unusual, but tasty dessert!

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