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Wednesday, January 31, 2018

Meet at ISU Bone Student Center

Greeters: Art Runyon & Dianne Schultz

Lottery: Tom Gibson & Becky Goeckner

February Birthdays – Please Bring a Gift for the Birthday Auction

Alan Chapman	8
Stephanie McClellan	8
Connie Gentry	15
Art Runyon	23
Robert Porter	25



Wednesday, February 7, 2018

Meet at ISU Bone Student Center

Greeters: Surinder Sethi & Dale Strassheim

Lottery: Gene Gudeman & Fred Hahn

Program: Club Business & Birthday Auction



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NEWS FLASH!! WE HAD A BIG WINNER IN OUR DRAWING!!

President Hank Campbell convened the January 24, 2018 meeting of the Normal Rotary Club, observing a moment of silence for our friend and fellow Rotarian, the late Ron Pacha, and offering thoughts and prayers for Don Rutledge.

January Students of the Month:

- John A. Bishop introduced Lydia Spychalla from Normal Community West. Her hobbies are "musical stuff." She plays piano and oboe. She also runs and enjoys puzzles.
- Nancy Steele Brokaw introduced Stephanie Soukup from U-High. She participated in WYSE Scholastic Bowl, which combines academics with having fun. She also is interested in music.



Lydia Spychalla



Stephanie Soukup &
Nancy Steele Brokaw



Ryan Fleming

Mystery Host: Linda Healy chose that the \$2 bill go to Connie Gentry and to Ryan Fleming for selling tickets to our drawing. She gave it to Ryan and suggested that he figure out how to split it.

Our drawing: Bill Rolley won the day's pot of \$68 and then, faced with four cards, he first made sure that the cards had been shuffled. Then he picked **the** Ace of Spades to win \$1,125



Hank Campbell & Bill Rolley



John E. Bishop

Judge John E. Bishop shamed everyone who failed to fill the vacant seats at the front table. Then he collected fines from the floor.

Fines:

- Drake Zimmerman paid a "conflicted fine." On one hand, he had a very nice trip to Iceland. On the other hand, he didn't like the way some people at his table sang "My Country 'Tis of Thee."



Drake Zimmerman

Fines Continued:

- Art Drake was happy to be involved in the district Youth Conference. Turnout was poor, but there was good quality discussion and the young people seemed to benefit.
- Bill Rolley was happy to have won the day's drawing – oh, yeah, and the big pot.
- Bill Caisley was happy there are only 55 days until the first day of spring.
- Gene Jontry was happy about the success of the basketball team at Ridgeland School District, where he was instrumental in hiring the coach. Gene also was happy about the basketball officiating by one Mark Jontry.



Art Drake



Bill Caisley

Announcements:

- Hank directed our attention to Normal Rotary Club members who are involved in obtaining RI Global Grants. Drake Zimmerman is working on the Katakwi Malaria Project in Uganda. Vandana Naik is working on the Productive Women in India project. Hank Campbell is working on a grant for the Lamu medical clinic in Kenya. Our District 6490 is involved in more than a dozen grant applications.
- Hank reminded us to read the Rotarian magazine and pass it along.
- Hank attended a fund-raiser for Puerto Rico held Monday at the Normal Theater. This was organized by students at Normal West and raised \$2,000.
- Hank mentioned that Normal Rotary Foundation has received some donations to help Puerto Rico recover from the devastating hurricane. Becky Goeckner said that a school in Ponce had just recently had their electricity turned on.
- Rotary Leadership Institute training will be held Feb. 10 in Decatur. Future officers of the club could benefit from this.

- District 6490's point matching campaign for Paul Harris Awards will continue through Jan. 31.
- Planning has started for Friends Forever. Fund-raising for this is always a challenge.
- Cajun Craze fundraiser sponsored by Daybreak Rotary will be held May 5 at the Corn Crib.

Program:

Fellow Normal Rotarian Mark Jontry discussed the shortage of educators; a problem that Illinois shares with the rest of the U.S. Mark is superintendent of the Regional Office of Education.



Mark Jontry

The Illinois Association of Regional Superintendents of School sent out a survey to assess the impact of the shortage of educators throughout the state, excluding Chicago schools. Many superintendents and principals from outside the Chicago suburbs find that applicants for teaching jobs are less qualified than they were five years ago. They also report that finding substitute teachers is a difficult problem.



Among the top categories of unfilled school jobs are: bilingual teachers, special education teachers, foreign-language teachers, school psychologists, speech and language pathologists and school nurses.

Possible solutions being proposed are: expediting teaching licensure process, permitting emergency substitute teachers, letting retired teachers substitute teach for more days and providing more mentoring for new teachers.

For a complete and comprehensive look at the survey conducted go to:

<http://iarss.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/IARSS-Illinois-Educator-Shortage-2017-1.pdf>

Hanks' Thought for the Day: *"What would men be without women? Scarce, sir...mighty scarce."*
 --Mark Twain



Ray Ropp meets and greets Scott Ice



Ready for ticket sales



A steady stream of ticket buyers



The odds were good and the drawing went well!

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