



# The Normal Spoke

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## 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 & Ed Tanton

Lottery: Gene Gudeman & Fred Hahn

Program: Club Business & Birthday Auction – ISU Women’s Basketball

Coach – Kristen Gillespie

### Wednesday, February 14, 2018

#### Meet at ISU Bone Student Center

Greeters: David Taylor & Ron Timmerman

Lottery: Sherry Hawkins & Linda Healy

<b>Reporter:</b> Bruce Bergethon	<b>Photographers:</b> John E. Bishop & Dayna Brown	<b>Editor:</b> Becky Goeckner
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President Hank Campbell opened the meeting at 12:10. Gordy Ropp gave an invocation, and Surinder led us in a stately version of “My Country Tis of Thee.” Hank read a thank you letter from Dianne Schultz, on behalf of the Baby Fold, for the Club’s \$3500 grant.



Hank Campbell

**Guests:** Rotarian Ed Brumley, from Lawrenceville, IL brought us a banner from his club. He has made up in every state east of the Mississippi this year, except Rhode Island, Maine, Vermont and Florida. Dayna Brown introduced Kelly Turner, a new Ameren employee who is interested in joining Rotary, and Ryan Fleming’s guest was Miranda Johns-Cumming, a fellow worker at Commerce Trust.



Hank Campbell & Ed Brumley



Kelly Turner & Dayna Brown-Nielsen



Miranda Johns-Cumming & Ryan Fleming

Our four **January students-of-the-month** – Lauren Seaver from the BACC and U-High, Larin Harr from NCHS, Stephanie Soukup from U-High and Lydia Spychalla from NCWHS – spoke about their experiences at the Club. They enjoyed (paraphrasing now) Rotary’s focus on community, the wonderful and diverse people, our willingness to ask questions, and to give back. President Hank made sure they all got souvenir “coins” imprinted with the Four Way Test to remind them of their month of visiting the Normal Rotary Club in the Bone Student Center.



Lauren Seaver, Larin Harr, Stephanie Soukup & Lydia Spychalla



Marcia Dennis & Bill Rolley

**Mystery Host:** Bill Rolley, the winner of last week’s Mega Rotary Lottery, awarded the \$2 bill to Marcia Dennis, who “always makes him feel welcome at each meeting.”

**Judge:** Bruce Bergethon, following Marcia’s admission that there was no lottery at all because she left the tickets at home, regretfully fined her her new \$2 for the oversight. He then fined pretty much the entire room for not filling in the front table seat between Art Runyon and our guest speaker.



Bruce Bergethon



Marcia Dennis pays up!



Art Runyon – EMPTY SEAT! – Guest Speaker: Dave Breen

A surprising number of **happy fines** ensued:

- Ed Tanton for 3 (three!) consecutive green lights on Veteran’s Parkway;
- Gordon Bidner for a reunion with a farmer he mentored and hadn’t seen for 54 years;
- Drake Zimmerman for having concluded board work on the Planning and Zoning Commission; and
- Paul Enchelmayer, remembering the 50th anniversary of the Tet Offensive (in which he was involved as a soldier in Vietnam) and grateful that he is still here to serve as a Rotarian.





Ed Tanton



Gordon Bidner



Drake Zimmerman



Paul Enchelmayer

**Announcements:**

- President Hank announced that we will have a program from the ISU women’s basketball coach next week, bumping our new member program to a later date. Also, next week at the club business meeting, we will vote on 2018-19 officers, including: Sherry Hawkins, President; John E. Bishop, President-Elect; Marcia Dennis, Secretary; Ryan Fleming, Treasurer; Sergeant At Arms, Bill Semlak; and board members Hank Campbell, Dave Taylor, Angie Bubon, Larissa McIlvain, Dayna Nielsen-Brown, Andy Copenhaver and Drake Zimmerman. Please note that there is room for a candidate for the position of Vice-President!
- RLI training is coming up February 10 in Decatur, with President’s Training Seminar (PETS) scheduled for Effingham March 17-18.



David Taylor

- David Taylor spoke about a shared initiative with State Farm, Rivian Automotive and United Way to help local nonprofits with their internet presence. It’s called 48in48.org, and he urged us to nominate any NFPs we know who might benefit. May 4-6, 2018 is the date for the event.



“48in48 brings together marketing professionals to build websites and digital materials for 48 nonprofits in 48 hours. We are a social entrepreneurship organization that provides volunteerism, education, and exposure for small 501c3 organizations. Our vision is to work at the community level to be the global catalyst for marketing and technology volunteerism.”



**Program:** Dave Breen, President and CEO of Special Olympics Illinois (also an ISU alum.) provided a program on Special Olympics. Dave pointed out that Special Olympics’ mission statement is unusual in that it includes the word “joy,” relating to the participation in sports by special populations – those with “cognitive delay” or intellectual/physical disabilities. 2018 is the 50th anniversary of Special Olympics, which now involves over 5.3 million athletes in 170 countries.



Dave Breen

Just like Rotary, Special Olympics began in Chicago. In-state, SO-Illinois currently serves over 23,000 athletes with more than 300 yearly events. One area of largely unknown activity is the nearly 4000 health screenings that SOI offers in conjunction with local entities like Advocate Health. Track, basketball, bowling and flag football are the most popular sports activities. A special 50th anniversary edition of SO’s Summer Games is coming up in Chicago on June 17th and 18th, with an expected economic impact of more than

\$2 million. An international soccer tournament is also planned for July, with a 7/21 concert celebrating the "Inclusion Revolution," featuring Smokey Robinson, O.A.R., Fall Out Boys and Chance the Rapper.

Be sure to take a look at the Special Olympics Illinois' Reach Report - 2017 Summary which is found further down in the Spoke.

**Hanks' Thought for the Day:**

*"Is it the truth?  
Is it fair to all concerned?  
Will it build goodwill and better friendships?  
Will it be beneficial to all concerned?"*  
--Rotary Four Way Test

**Since we had two photographers here are some additional photos from the meeting:**



Lauren Seaver



Larin Harr



Stephanie Soukup



Lydia Spychalla



Lauren Seaver & Lydia Spychalla



Nancy Brokaw & Stephanie Soukup



Dave Breen



Hank Campbell & Ed Brumley



Greg Anvick



Gordon Ropp



# SPECIAL OLYMPICS ILLINOIS REACH REPORT | 2017 SUMMARY

**Special  
Olympics**  
Illinois



## ATHLETES

ATHLETES SERVED

**23,083**

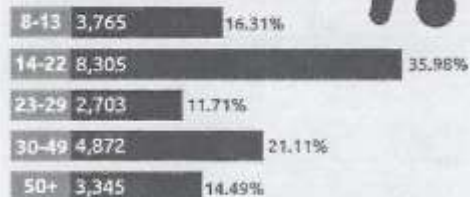
19 YEARS OF CONSECUTIVE GROWTH

ATHLETE PARTICIPATIONS

**53,614**



AGE GROUPS SERVED



UNIFIED PARTNERS SERVED **1,925**

## PROGRAM LEADERS

GEOGRAPHIC REGIONS

**11**

FULL TIME STAFF

**74**

BOARD MEMBERS

**35**

(INCLUDES 3 ATHLETE MEMBERS)

FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBERS

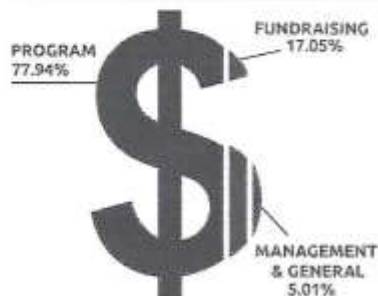
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## REVENUE & EXPENSE

**\$15 MILLION**

CASH AND IN KIND (UNAUDITED)



## COMPETITIONS

**201**

UNIFIED  
**11**

YOUNG ATHLETE CULMINATING EVENTS

**70**

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

**162**



## 18 SPORTS OFFERED

TOP FIVE SPORTS (PARTICIPATION)

1. ATHLETICS **12,946** (28%)
2. BASKETBALL **8,754** (19%)
3. BOWLING **6,325** (14%)
4. SOFTBALL **2,949** (6%)
5. SOCCER **2,544** (5%)



SPORT WITH LARGEST  
GROWTH (2015-2017)

**SOCCER**  
**70%**



## YOUTH INITIATIVES

UNIFIED CHAMPION SCHOOLS

**243**

**88%** OFFERING ALL 3 COMPONENTS

**19,631** YOUNG ATHLETES SERVED  
(INCLUDES PEER PARTNERS)

**350** YOUTH LEADERSHIP

**701** SCHOOLS ENGAGED IN PROGRAMMING

**162** SCHOOLS ENGAGED IN VOLUNTEERISM

**151** SCHOOLS ENGAGED IN FUNDRAISING



## VOLUNTEERS

**48,300**

COACH AND KEY VOLUNTEERS (CLASS A)

**23,775**

CERTIFIED COACHES

**3,579**

EVENT VOLUNTEERS (CLASS B)

**8,997**



## ATHLETE LEADERSHIP

ATHLETE LEADERS

**142**

APPEARANCES

**572**

AUDIENCE SIZE

**49,656**



## HEALTH INITIATIVES

CLINICS OFFERED

**25**

SCREENINGS

**3,988**

DISCIPLINES OFFERED

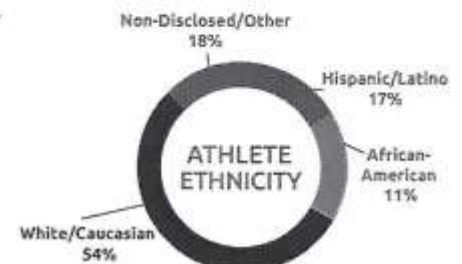
- FUNFitness
- Health Promotion
- Healthy Hearing
- MedFest
- Special Olympics - Lions Clubs International Opening Eyes
- Special Smiles



SINCE 2013

**17,911** TOTAL SCREENINGS

**11,032** SPORTS PHYSICALS (MedFest)



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DIFFERENCE**

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