



## The Normal Spoke

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### Wednesday, August 8, 2018

Greeters: Gordon Ropp & Ray Ropp

Lottery: Gene Gudeman & Fred Hahn

Program: Fabiola Acevedo – Puerto Rico & the Aftermath of Hurricane Maria



### Wednesday, August 15, 2018- Meeting at the Alumni Center

Greeters: Jim Rosenlund & Art Runyon

Lottery: Linda Healy & Scott Ice

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President Sherry Hawkins presided over the August 1, 2018 meeting of the Normal Rotary Club. Bill Semlak offered up the Invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a rousing chorus of “My Country ‘Tis of Thee”. Appreciation was expressed to Bill Rolley for Greeting members upon their arrival, and to Tom Gibson and Becky Goeckner for assisting with the Lottery. Sherry also noted her appreciation for some new “volunteers” to assist with documenting the meeting with Dianne Schultz serving as the Reporter, and Fred Hahn serving as Photographer. Becky Goeckner has returned from traveling, and gratefully has resumed her customary role as Spoke Editor!

There were no visiting Rotarians present. Ray Ropp did introduce his guest, Tristin Friederich, to us later in the meeting. Tristin was the 2017 King of the McLean County Fair, representing the Home Spun 4-H Club.



Ray Ropp & Tristin Friederich

President Sherry had us all laughing with her personal story about ending up making a detour to Wal Mart to buy shoes this morning when she arrived at work and discovered that she had a new pair of shoes (great!), but both shoes were for the right foot (bad!). We can all be comforted that our fearless leader has great problem solving skills! Sherry also lifted up some fun facts regarding Belize’s successful effort to protect their Coral Reef, and an inspiring story about a 9 year old entrepreneur who founded a global youth movement (Plant for the Planet) with a goal to fight global warming by planting 1 billion trees in the next 30 years.

### Announcements:

- Sign-up sheets were circulated for Rotary members to confirm or change which club committee they would serve on this year.
- Rotary Leadership International will be held August 18 @ Richland Community College...consider attending!

- Normal Rotary Board meeting will be held immediately following today's meeting.
- Dayna Brown will be reaching out to members to get assistance with finding guest speakers for club meetings.
- Linda Healy was absent, but sent a written announcement regarding her intention to hold a club service meeting immediately following the regular club meeting on August 8th. She would like to have a brainstorming session at that time on some possible service project ideas for our club. Please think of ideas to share with the group next week. Linda is already following up with Midwest Food Bank for some club volunteer opportunities out there.
- There will be a joint meeting of all 5 Rotary Club Presidents to discuss the Harmony Park project and how we can all join together to support that effort.
- The club is also thinking about incorporating some social hours as part of our club activities, especially since the Keg Grove event was such a hit!

Larissa McIlvain served as **Judge** (and jury), placing a fine on Ray Ropp for being in "some photo" with no rotary pin visible....Ray tried to mount a defense, indicating if she didn't know what the photo was for, he shouldn't be fined. Larissa had the details...90th Anniversary of Ray's 4-H Club photo...pay up Ray!!!!

**Mystery Host:** Dale Strassheim bestowed the coveted \$2 bill on Scott Ice for his rapid engagement and volunteerism with our Normal Club...speaking of which, Scott did provide information packets to assist members with their solicitation of businesses to sponsor the Oktoberfest event.



Dale Strassheim & Scott Ice

The **Lottery** was a little lean today, with John E. Bishop having the winning number for a \$9 prize...he missed the Ace of Spades Jackpot for \$367.

We were not lean on **Happy Fines!**

- Bill Semlak was sad that he had to cancel trip plans for a cruise, but Happy that his wife had recovered from her heart attack which led to their change in travel plans.
- Angie Bubon was so happy to have needed repairs to the Safe Harbor water heater completed.
- Bruce Bergethon happily pledged a \$40 dollar donation in honor of his 40 year wedding anniversary to the Foundation and Friends Forever.
- Becky Goeckner was happy to have connected with former ISU students while traveling in France and Germany, and happy to return home.
- John E. Bishop gave some happy recognition to a fabulous swimmer at Normal Community who will be attending college in Texas.
- Dianne Schultz was happy that the moving of all furniture, books, and technology equipment to the new Hammitt Jr-Sr High School building was accomplished this week.

We all had to multi-task as tables worked on a Rotary Trivia Quiz...the club did pretty well on this!

**Birthday Auction:** The following club members have August Birthdays: Bayo Adanri, Hank Campbell, Jeff Lindsay, Elleke Mesdag, Dianne Schultz, and Paul Enchelmayer.

*NOTE from the Reporter....never have understood this tradition of bringing a gift when it is YOUR Birthday....but, it must be a good one as we raised over \$75 for the club by auctioning off gifts.*

Thanks to Gordon Ropp for doing the auctioning honors, with Ray Ropp and his guest Tristin Friederich serving as "ringmen". Way to go Ray....bring a guest, and put them to work!!!!



Gordon Ropp



Angie Bubon

For our Education Program, Angie Bubon gave a very informative demonstration of the DACdb....if you don't know what that is, you need to find out!

It is a really great resource on our Club website that will provide lots of information on our own club members, as well as District 6490 members as well. To find it, go to [Normalrotary.org](http://Normalrotary.org) and find the tab at the top for the DACdb (it is a database). You will get a screen to set up a user name (use your email address), and set up a Password for the site. You can update your own member information, add a personal photo, find locations of other clubs and/or meetings (in case you need a make-up). Lots of good stuff!

**Sherry's Thought for the Day:** *A life spent making mistakes is not only more honorable, but more useful than a life spent doing nothing*"- George Bernard Shaw



PS: Becky encouraged good attendance at next week's meeting as she has a student visiting from Puerto Rico who will be our Guest Speaker....guaranteed to be awesome!



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