



## The Normal Spoke

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### September Birthday Auction Please bring a gift for the Birthday Auction

Gene Jontry	3
Bill Rolley	6
Bill Semlak	17
Dale Strassheim	27



#### Wednesday, September 5, 2018

Greeters: Ed Tanton & David Taylor

Lottery: Elleke Mesdag & Matt Riehle

#### Wednesday, September 12, 2018

Greeters: Ron Timmerman & Carson Varner

Lottery: Bill Rolley & Gordon Ropp

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President Sherry Hawkins presided over the meeting of the Normal Rotary Club on August 29, 2018. Greeters at today's meeting were Dale Strassheim and Surinder Sethi. Greg Anvick graciously provided substitute coverage for the selling of today's Lottery tickets. Dianne Schultz provides the written record of today's proceedings, with Fred Hahn serving as photographer, and Becky Goeckner continuing as the Editor of the Spoke Newsletter. Angie Bubon offered the invocation to start the meeting, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and singing of "My Country 'Tis of Thee". There were no visiting Rotarians and no Guests in attendance.



Sherry Hawkins

President Sherry thanked Fred Hahn for presiding over last week's meeting, and was more than happy to accept the challenge of surpassing Fred's joke telling skills.

Sherry offered up the following: Ron Chestna, 89 years of age, was stopped by the police around 2 a.m. and was asked where he was going at that time of night. Ron replied, "I am on my way to a lecture about alcohol abuse and the effect it has on the human body, as well as smoking and staying out late". The officer asked, "Really? Who's giving that lecture at this time of night?" Ron replied, "That would be MY WIFE"...

Sherry still continued with her tradition of sharing some Fun Facts this time about dogs, including how each dog's nose is as unique as an individual's fingerprint! Did you know that 45% of U.S. dogs sleep in their owners' bed? In the early 20th century, Pit Bulls were known as "nanny dogs" because they were so trusted around children. Still today, Pit Bulls are ranked as the 4th best breed (out of 122 breeds tested) in temperament, passing their temperament testing 87% of the time!



Sherry called up David Taylor to serve as today's **Rotary Judge**. David was well prepared (and had a plan) as he quickly proceeded to fine everyone in the club who was not a) currently serving as Rotary Judge (no fine for David Taylor), b) currently serving as an active judge (congrats to Jason Chambers for his Judgeship...no fine for Jason), and c) currently a retired Judge (retired Judge Bill Caisley is off the hook too in the fine

department). So David, how late did you have to stay up last night to come up with this one? Good plan, as you just added to the Club's coffers with all those fines!



David Taylor



Greg Anvick & Art Drake

Art Drake served as **Mystery Host** and awarded it to Greg Anvick for (hopefully) selling Art the winning Lottery ticket. Speaking of the Lottery, David Taylor drew out a ticket and declared Marcia Dennis as today's **Lottery winner** of \$20. Marcia did not draw the Ace of Spades so the \$429 big pot will be left to grow for some other luckier Rotarian to try for next week.



Marcia Dennis

Moving right along to **Happy Fines**....plenty of happiness to go around!

- Drake Zimmerman was extremely happy that the incidence of Malaria is down 70%, and expressed his happiness (and surprise) that he was given an Award as the Top Fee Only Advisor at a recent convention in San Antonio. Congratulations Drake!
- Greg Anvick indicated he was not dressed his best at the previous week's Rotary meeting due to a work project with his son, and expressed happiness that their deck project was completed.
- Hank Campbell was overjoyed at celebrating the 25th Habitat House groundbreaking sponsored by IWU and ISU.....what a landmark for collegiate collaboration and service to others!
- Bill Semlak happily reported that his wife was released from the hospital after another health scare...we are all happy for you too, Bill!
- Alan Chapman confessed that he was on a TV broadcast for the 75 year anniversary of the Unit 5 school district being in existence...WITHOUT HIS ROTARY PIN!!!! Guess he was happy that no one else caught him for that infraction!
- Angie Bubon shared her excitement over experiencing the Challenger Learning Center at Heartland Community College...she strongly encouraged others to go and check it out as well!

### Announcements:

- Hank Campbell announced the Normal Rotary Club has submitted our matching grant request to contribute towards the Harmony Park project (\$3000 + \$3000 match). He projects that with the other rotary clubs contributing; we could help generate \$20,800 towards the Harmony Park Project, with additional fundraising pushing the possible grand total to \$25,000...fabulous!
- Sherry Hawkins announced that the \$28,000 donation from 4 rotary clubs (including ours), is making its way to Ponce, Puerto Rico for the solar system project. Thanks Becky Goeckner for helping to lift up the needs, and this opportunity, for our club to help Make a Difference!

- Sherry also announced that there were several sign-up sheets being circulated at the meeting, including sign-up for what country could be highlighted at an “International Evening” social event for club members, volunteer list for providing the Invocation at upcoming meetings, and a sign-up sheet to help work at our Oktoberfest fundraiser....2 hour shifts available!
- Scott Ice also announced that there would be an on-line sign up coming via email for Club members to sign up for working at Oktoberfest on Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>! We will be selling some collector mugs and hats at the event, and have some small contests for attendees on the stage to liven up the festivities. We hope to have a BIG turnout and lots of fun again this year!



You have been invited by Scott Ice to sign up for “Oktoberfest Gate Volunteer.” Please click on the LINK below to sign up or check the slot that you chose at the meeting. Please text Scott (248-207-7741) if you would like to switch slots or if you have any questions. If you would like to add an additional time slot, that can easily be done clicking on the link below.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0944a8ab2fa4f49-oktoberfest>

- A reminder to email Dayna Brown if you have suggestions for future guest speakers at upcoming meetings.



Gordon Ropp

Gordon Ropp presided over one item offered up for an early September Birthday Auction...two ISU Football tickets...great seating...great teams: ISU vs. EIU! Bill Semlak purchased the tickets for a bargain price of \$30...go Redbirds!



It was great having Kathy Alexander in attendance. She promises to be with us more often as she is now retired for the second time!

In lieu of a guest speaker today, members were able to meet in Committee groups to do some planning for their respective Committee activities in the coming year. Good Discussion...the room was buzzing!

...BUZZ BUZZ...



Kathy Alexander



## Committee Group Meetings



President Sherry Hawkins called us back into order, offering some parting words for the **Thought for the Day**:

*"The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way it treats its animals".*  
from Ghandi

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