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Wednesday, October 30, 2019 – ISU Circus Room!!

Greeters: Angie Bubon & Bill Caisley

Lottery: Becky Goeckner & Gene Gudeman

Wednesday, November 6, 2019 – ISU Circus Room

Greeters: Nancy Brokaw & Dayna Brown-Nielsen

Lottery: Ryan Fleming & Connie Gentry

Remember to wish these Rotarians
a Happy Birthday this month!

28 - Gordon Bidner

29 - Rod Weigelmann



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President John E. Bishop convened the meeting and invited Surinder Sethi to provide the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance, led by President John Bishop was recited after much confusion and scanning of the room for an American Flag. Finding none; we reverently faced the empty corner where the flag usually stands. The first verse of America was launched into without hesitancy.

President John thanked the following individuals - Greeters: Nancy Brokaw, Bill Caisley, and Alan Chapman; Lottery: Ryan Fleming and Connie Gentry; Reporter: Matt Wyss; Photographer: Sherry Hawkins; and Editor: Becky Goeckner.

Visiting Rotarians: District Governor Julie Dobski, John Meek, Bob Weldon, and Dean Carr from Daybreak making a popcorn delivery.

Guests were Narinder Sethi, and another prospective member/guest of Surinder – Reshma. Only one October Student of the month was present: Brice Ward from NCHS



Julie Dobski



John Meek



Bob Weldon



Narinder Sethi & Reshma

On This Day in History:

- 1861 President Abraham Lincoln suspends the writ of habeas corpus in Washington, D.C. for all military-related cases.

- 1957 First test firing of Vanguard satellite launch vehicle, TV-3
- 1962 Adlai Stevenson speaks at the United Nations about the Cuba crisis
- 1986 Artist Keith Haring commissioned to paint a mural on the Berlin wall by Checkpoint Charlie Museum 300 metres long
- 2001 Apple releases the iPod

Announcements:

- Future Meeting Locations:
October 30: Circus Room
- Bob Weldon, Sunset Rotary, gave an announcement that today was the final day to order wreaths and other holiday greenery.
- Andy Copenhaver announced that poinsettia order forms had been passed out, and are due by November 20th. Prices remain the same for customers but our margin is thinner. Delivery will be December 6th and pick up at the Chateau on December 7th.
- Linda Healy shared that the Habitat build is mostly framed and we are close to working indoors. Any Saturday that you are available and can help sign up on-line at <https://habitatmclean.volunteerhub.com/lp/normalrotary/>
- Jack Moody pitched the Veteran's One-on-One event and noted that 30 are coming from Westminster who could use hosts. November 11th at The Double Tree.
- Sherry Hawkins introduced Briana from the Children's Discovery Museum who shared a volunteer opportunity. Volunteers are needed for the Santa Station. If an organization supplies elves, the organization receives 50% of the donations. 100% of the donations are received if the volunteer organization also supplies a Santa.
- Dick Wagner reported on the District Conference and lauded ISU President Larry Dietz's speech. The other main speaker was Bob Warner who helped organize Rotary's response to Hurricane Katrina, which was assisted by Rotarians from B-N.



AndyCopenhaver
or



Linda Healy



Jack Moody



Briana



Dick Wagner

Today's **Judge** was Linda Healy and the **Mystery Host**: Bruce Bergethon. Bruce was perplexed by the presence of 3 greeters (the beautiful Alan Chapman, the best-dressed Bill Caisley, and the surprising Nancy Brokaw) and the difficult task of splitting a \$2 bill three ways. Instead, he gave the \$2 bill to Rob Glover since he hadn't seen him in a while, though he hardly recognized him with facial hair.

Lottery: Alan Chapman drew the winning ticket and received the \$27 small pot. He failed to draw the Ace of Spades and the large pot of \$657 rolled over.

Judge Linda assessed a \$1 fine to all who were not in attendance at the District Conference. Dick Wagner then suggested that a \$1 fine be levied on Illini fans due to the recent win over Wisconsin.

Happy Fines:

- Linda Healy – Habitat fundraiser coming up at Fat Jack’s – all tips go to Habitat
- Nancy Brokaw – happy to hear from Julie Dobski, and also for her participation in the Holiday Spectacular
- Becky Goeckner – paid \$11.50 in honor of her 11 ½ years of being the Spoke editor, and was elated that Larissa McIlvain has stepped up to take her place
- Nurinder Sethi – happy to hear Julie Dobski speak since she missed the District Conference
- Todd Kunze – happy that his wife is breast-cancer free for 6 years
- Hank Campbell – happy to present with others at the District Conference

DG Julie Dobski then presided over the induction of new member Todd Kunze. Todd has a background in venue development, music festivals, and special events organizations, and is currently with the Normal Cornbelters. Todd was formerly a Rotarian in Murphysboro, TN and was brought into the club by Alan Chapman.



Todd Kunze & Alan Chapman

Welcome Todd!



District Governor Julie Dobski

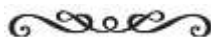
Program:

Assistant District Governor John Meek offered a formal introduction to District Governor Julie Dobski, who is known by many for running several “hamburger shops” in town before selling them for other pursuits. Julie is a 17-year Rotarian and served as the 2015 president of the BN Sunrise club.

Julie has nearly completed her club visits, and hasn’t found a “normal” club yet, not even in Normal. “Normal” is ordinary, and Rotarians do more than ordinary work in our communities and world. **“What Is Normal? W-I-N!”**

One of Julie’s main objectives is to Grow Rotary. In the last year, District 6490 has lost 70 members and 3 clubs. She encouraged us to ask, “We are Rotary – Why am I here?” We were challenged to be leaders and make a difference through our clubs. We should not be RINOs – Rotarians In Name Only. Julie has a goal of increasing membership by 50 this year, and establish a membership chair in each club, a goal of RI Leadership as well. District 6490 is looking into adding two satellite clubs (Bloomington and Downs areas) as well as an e-club utilizing new technology. Julie encouraged participation in World Polio Day 10/24/19, a 11/6 webinar on Rotary Goals, and RLI on 2/29/20. There is now a newly launched fundraising page on the District website, and we are encouraged to increase our Foundation giving by 10% District-wide. When we complete projects, we should apply for Rotary awards, and also issue press releases to further share the news of what Rotary is doing.

The meeting was adjourned by President John Bishop. Ed Tanton was drafted as a bouncer (while trying to make a speedy exit) in order to ensure that none of Gordon Bidner’s squirrel corn was left in the meeting room.



The Thought for Today:

“Understanding human needs is half the job of meeting them.”

— Adlai E. Stevenson

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