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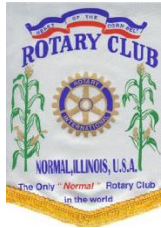
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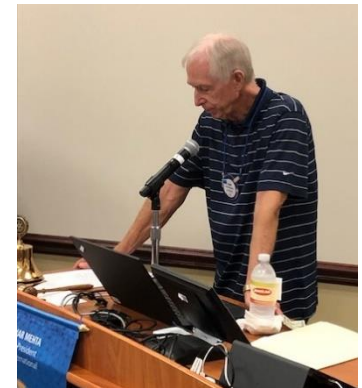
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President Ann Haugo convened the Aug. 11 meeting of the Normal Rotary Club in the ISU Alumni Center. Alan Chapman gave the invocation.

**Mystery Host:** Jack Moody presented the \$2 to Barb Cotton for jumping in with both feet as treasurer.



Alan Chapman gives the invocation.



Judge Bruce Bergethon watches Bill Semlak try to sense the vibe from the Ace of Spades.

### Lottery: Bill

Semlak was the lucky winner of \$20 (which he donated to Habitat for Humanity). Unfortunately, he did not draw the Ace of Spades.

### Announcements

- Board meeting After the Aug. 11 meeting.
- Linda is coordinating basket for items to be auctioned at the district conference.
- RLI at the end of the month is cancelled.
- District grant applications are due Aug 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Labor Day parade meet on Front Street at 9:30. Wear Rotary shirt.
- Send news to Jack for District Newsletter.
- Art Drake is looking for someone to transition into the District Rotaract chair position and to work with the Interact group at the high school.
- Linda Healy has directed our attention to the death of Cassie

Beal, sister-in-law of former NRC member Heather Wagner Beal. Check the obituary on the Carmody Flynn funeral home website.



## Happy Fines

Drake Zimmerman: Met with the Rotaract and Interact groups from around the area about Malaria.

Art Drake: He and his wife Jan are celebrating their 15 year wedding anniversary.

Hank Campbell: Habitat House underway. Ray and Carol Ropp, Roger Schmidgall from Sunset Rotary, and Linda Healy greeted the Friends Forever teacher from a previous year who returned to B-N for a visit.



Happy Drake



Happy Art



Happy Hank

Fred Hahn: Costco Connection story featured Christina Baker Klein and her interaction with Rotary.

Tom Gerschick (Linda Healy's guest): Tom is the new interim executive director for McLean County Habitat for Humanity. He thanked Rotary on behalf of Habitat for Humanity for all the work we have done. He is so grateful for the partnership.



Happy Fred

## Program

Our very own Linda Healy shared about Habitat for Humanity. The motto is that Habitat for Humanity is not a hand out but a step up. Each homeowner has a mortgage payment of \$550-600 at 0% interest. They are



Linda Healy

required to take classes and each adult living in the home is required to contribute 250 hours of sweat equity. The vision of Habitat is a world where everyone has a decent place to live. They plan to complete 5 houses in 2021. They have a goal for 8 in 2022. The next ground will honor Bill Nicholson.

In addition to builds, Habitat has a program called a Brush of Kindness where they take care of small exterior home repairs. For this program, they completed 10 projects in 2018-19 and 20 projects yearly from 2020. Nearly 2,000 volunteers give 22,000 hours every year. A home is a stabilizing force for a family. In McLean county 186 families to date have been helped. This includes 700 people of which over 500 of them are children. In the

last 26 years (excluding last year), ISU/IWU have completed 1 house per year the college build.

If you have items to donate or want to shop the Restore is a big income source for these programs, bringing in approximately \$50,000-\$60,000 per month.

Please visit the website for more information. [Habitat McLean | Home](#)

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