



# THE NORMAL SPOKE

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President Ann Haugo convened the Oct. 27, 2021 meeting of the Normal Rotary Club at the ISU Alumni Center. The meeting began with the Pledge of Alligiance and “My Country ‘tis of Thee.”

- Bill Semlak - provided the Invocation.
- Dave Hirst - served as reporter
- Barb Cotton - helped with Lottery and was photographer
- Greg Anvick helped with the Lottery
- Seth Seaba was the greeter

Alan Chapman introduced our newest member Seth Seaba and provided his pin and an informal induction into Rotary.

**Announcements:**

- Ray Ropp shared that Bruce Warloe passed away recently. Bruce was a former long-time member of the Normal Rotary Club. We shared a moment of silence in remembrance.
- Ann Haugo announced that our District grant for \$2000 has come through and it will fund a tree planting project co-sponsored with the Ecology Action Center. Look for more details to be coming soon.
- Many in the club participated in the Monical’s Pizza meal to help the Polio Plus campaign.
- Elleke Mesdag announced that our club has raised \$426.60 in donations for the Coats for Kid’s campaign and that every dollar raised will be matched with funds from the Illinois Prairie Community Foundation. Keep filling those boots or write a check to the Rotary Foundation and write Coats for Kids on the Message line.



Seth Seaba and Alan Chapman

# Rotary



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- John Bishop encouraged people to sign up or sponsor a Vet for the One on One Event this November 11. Andrew Myers, a survivor of the 9/11 attack on the Pentagon, will be the speaker.
- Ryan Fleming - gave an update with information about Poinsettias for the Holidays - the date for delivery will be Dec. 12 at the Chateau. Volunteers are needed for unloading the truck and delivery of the flowers. Linda Healy is working on the flyer for this event.
- Dayna Brown gave an update on the club Holiday Party. The date is December 15th and there will be a plated dinner at the Hancock Center on ISU's Campus.
- Dayna encouraged everyone to attend next week's club meeting because our guest speaker will be the Mayor of Bloomington - Mboka Mwilambwe.



Elleke and Connie (on Zoom) reminded us to support Coats for Kids!



John Bishop



Ryan Fleming



Dayna Brown



Judge Linda Healy helped us celebrate two birthdays: Angie Bubon who paid \$5 and shared details about her day of self-care for her birthday. And Ron Cranston, whose birthday was today his \$5 donation included a story of how he met his bride at the University of Iowa and ended up in Normal.

Drake Zimmerman helped with the lottery drawing. Miranda Johns-Cummings won \$22. The big pot was \$303 dollars but that will roll over for the next meeting.



Rob Cranston was our mystery host and gave the \$2 and a plastic dinosaur to Dayna for all she does behind the scenes for our Club.



Happy birthday Angie!



Happy birthday Rob!



Drake Zimmerman draws the winning raffle ticket



Miranda did NOT draw the Ace of Spades



Hank Campbell is happy.



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### Happy Fines

- Greg Anvick - paid for celebrating his wife's birthday
- John Bishop paid for a wonderful beach vacation in South Carolina and for surviving travel on the US Interstate System.
- Hank Campbell paid for several happy events 1) the guest speaker Greg Troemel, 2) a successful presentation in Champaign with Drake Zimmerman on RAM-Global 3) the opening of the e-vehicle service training facility at Heartland.
- Surinder Sethi - paid a happy fine for the receipt of the funding for the ambulance in the community of Sager, India. Surinder acknowledged Ann Haugo, Ray Ropp, Gordon Bidner and Drake Zimmerman for their work on this project.
- Miranda Johns-Cummings paid a happy fine for winning the lottery and for the chance to attend a Comic-Con in Chicago where she heard William Shattner speak about his Space-X experience.

### Program:

Dayna Brown introduced the guest speaker Greg Troemel from the Town of Normal's ADA office. Greg spoke about the efforts the town takes to make sure that our town is working towards compliance with meeting the needs of the disabled in our community.

### Thought of the day:

"Don't take shadows too seriously. Reality is your only safety. Continue to reject illusion." -Wole Soyinka





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