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## THE NORMAL SPOKE

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President Ann Haugo convened the March 23, 2022 meeting of the Normal Rotary Club at the ISU Alumni Center.



Dan and Tim

#### Guests

Dan Moffet hosted Tim Barnes.

#### Announcements

--Art Drake brought more books and encouraged people to take biography and nonfiction. A donation to Normal



Art Drake appears to be ready for his after-lunch nap.

Rotary is appreciated in return.

--Ann H. reminded us that donations to Ukraine are still going into the Rotary Foundation disaster relief fund. Rotary.org will take you to the site. Here is [the link](#). ShelterBox has a presence in Poland and is helping to provide shelter, food, and water to those displaced by the war in Ukraine.

--Scholarship Committees are getting set up.

--Rotarians have an opportunity for to learn about the empower girls program. District Governor Heather Stoa sent out a link to the meeting to be held March 24.

-- District 4130 governor in Monterrey Mexico seeks collaboration on the New Generation Project – a graduate student starting at ISU in the fall is looking for hosts for 3-4 months at a time in Normal. If you are interested in helping with this, let Ann know.



Art brought some books and invited Rotarians to help themselves.

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## Judge

Bruce Bergethon was sick today, so Linda Healy agreed to step in as judge.

--Mystery Host – Instead of the \$2 bill, the Mystery Host bestowed upon Ray Ropp a bottle of prune juice.

--Birthdays – Surinder Sethi (3/26) and Becky Goeckner (3/27) and David Taylor (3/27). Becky used the opportunity to speak to the club. David said he would chip in \$10 so he would not have to speak.

--The winner of the \$10 weekly lottery prize was Judge William Caisley. The \$306 grand prize will grow next week because Bill pulled the 2 of diamonds.

--Happy fines:

--Iris Varner reported that Carson is still substitute teaching their daughter's class, but the daughter is on the plane home from being quarantined in England.

--Jack Moody – our speaker last week was the new President of ISU, Jack had asked how to help Ukrainian students at ISU. He has been set up with the opportunity to be on a committee to determine needs and provide scholastic assistance. Ann added that she was with the ISU President the rest of the day, she mentioned that she had been on the phone and got this set up to support the Ukrainians. Becky put in chat – that there is already a fund called the Red and White scholarship that will handle the Ukrainian student need requests. Students can request the funds and the committee will disperse the funds

--Drake Zimmerman gave a dollar to celebrate Ray's color coordination with the prune juice, and that he only cut himself twice in the kitchen and to thank Art Drake for bringing the books.

--Linda Healy – celebrating the upturn in her son's life, things are looking bright for Jack.



Judge Linda



Becky addressed us via the big screen.



Bill was lucky enough to win the week's prize, but not the biggie.



Mystery host recipient Ray Ropp with his precious prune juice prize. It was a moving moment for us all.

## Speaker

Our speaker was Drake Zimmerman, a fellow member of the Normal Rotary Club. He discussed the Rotary Action Group on Malaria (RAM Global). This group is a spinoff from the Rotary Fellowships turning into Action groups that work as problem solving on a global scale.

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Malaria is a tropical blood-borne disease that causes many health problems in the tropical regions of the globe. Economic and social systems blossom when Malaria is out of the picture. RAM Global helped the COVID19 Campaign, by educating people on the virus while updating it to include mosquito net campaigns.

What can you do about Malaria – you can stop it. Vaccinations, protective equipment (mosquito net because it is human blood borne disease, the mosquito hits the net they die and don't get the bite. IRS -insecticide residual spray – get health information out to diagnose and treat people with the disease.

Polio plus added mosquito nets – was part of the scaling up. Community Health Workers have been trained to do Malaria work.

When Malaria gets to zero it must be kept at zero for 3 years to knock it out or the human reservoir. The other type is treatable with a one dose drug that can take out one of the malaria types.

Rotarians put up only a fraction of the money to fight Polio. Rotarians were more like the army of volunteers, bringing business know-how, accountability and focus to the effort.

Jack Moody mentioned the need to add this topic to the RLI discussion. Ray Ropp mentioned that the success of Rotary volunteerism garnered the support of Gates Foundation, WHO etc. Potential corruption is a problem but RAM Global works with local Rotarians who can guard against corruption.

### **Thought for the Day**

“Belief in yourself is more important than endless worries of what others think of you. Value yourself and others will value you. Validation is best that comes from within.”

--Ngũgĩ wa Thiong'o, from *Dreams in a Time of War, a Childhood Memoir*.

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