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Editor's note: The photos taken by devoted photographer Fred Hahn are lost in the iCloud. My apologies for not being able to include them here.

President Ryan Fleming convened the Sept. 28, 2022, meeting of the Normal Rotary Club at the ISU Alumni Center. Bill Semlak gave the invocation.

Announcements:

- Normal Rotary will provide meals for Safe Harbor on Nov. 9.
- ISU volleyball welcomes service clubs at 4 p.m. Oct. 2. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased through GOREDBIRDS.COM/PROMOTIONS with promo code SERVICE22.
- The Normal Rotary Board of Directors will meet next week.
- Poinsettias are coming. Details to come later.
- Greg Anvick reported that the Veterans Day One on One will be held Nov. 10 at the Doubletree. The idea is for each Rotarian attending to sponsor a veteran, and the event will honor their service. The event will open at 5 p.m. with a cash bar, and the dinner will begin at 6 p.m. Contact Greg for reservations or to sponsor an advertisement in the program.
- Larissa McIlvain urged everyone to sign up for invocation, Spoke reporting and Spoke photography.
- Oktoberfest report - Ryan says we all had a great time (and we did). Miranda Johns-Cummings thanked the many volunteers and spouses who helped staff the event. Final financial numbers will come later. Ryan thanked the entire Oktoberfest committee for putting this event together.

Mystery Host: Matt Wyss presented the \$2 to Miranda Johns-Cummings for her work on Oktoberfest and in honor of her new job at Heartland Bank.

Birthdays: We sang to Dale Strassheim, who sure doesn't look any older.

Lottery: Bill Caisley won the \$16 prize of the week but drew the wrong card and missed out on the \$768 grand prize.



Judge: Bruce Bergethon took lots of pictures at Oktoberfest and shared them with the club. We had 20 sponsors this year, and kudos to our sponsorship committee. Also, 22 ISU athletes showed up to help welcome everyone to the festival, and those athletes had a great time and added a lot of spirit. Otherwise, there were happy fines:

- Becky Goeckner was happy that Greg and Sue Anvick agreed to host ISU grad student Angelica Rico Garza for a few days while Becky and Ron will be out of town. Angelica is sponsored by the Monterey, Mexico, Rotary Club.
- David Hirst told us an alleged joke. Jack Moody followed up with his own alleged joke. (Together, they seem to be dragging the club's humor level down to the level of our singing – a punch line that needs no set-up.)
- Bruce Bergethon paid a fine – something to do with the Pirates.
- Bill Semlak paid an "I'm sorry" fine because he is unable to participate in club activities as much as he'd like. We're just glad to see you at lunch, Bill.
- Hank Campbell was happy that the ISU athletes had such a great time as they enlivened Oktoberfest.
- Elleka Mesdag was sorry she couldn't get to the Oktoberfest. She had a plan to go, but her grandson got sick and things happened.
- Drake Zimmerman was happy that David Taylor didn't show up to Oktoberfest "in full dirndl."

Program: President Ryan reminded us that World Polio Day is Oct. 24. He set paper cups on the table to collect loose change and any other donations that our members want to give to help The Rotary Foundation's effort to rid the world of polio. Ryan showed the club a powerful video that related the impact of polio on a small Virginia town about 100 years ago – paralysis, trauma, terror and dozens of deaths.

Documented incidents of polio have been down to a handful in recent years. But the disease is contagious, and it could sweep the world again if Rotary's Polio Plus campaign doesn't crush it. Traces of polio virus have been found in the U.S. this year, and that's scary.

Asked how he became interested in polio eradication, Drake Zimmerman described the work to eradicate malaria, based on Rotary's Polio Plus model.

Thought for the Day: "Keep your face always toward the sunshine, and shadows will fall behind you."
-Walt Whitman

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