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Editor's note: photos were lost in the Cloud... apologies to all for the inconvenience.

President Ryan Fleming convened the Jan. 18, 2023, meeting of the Normal Rotary Club at the ISU Alumni Center. We carried a tune.

**Guests:** Miranda Johns-Cummings introduced her husband, George Cummings. Alan Chapman introduced his guest, Anna Chumbley, who works at WGLT.

## Announcements:

- Ron Timmerman announced that we will serve dinner at Safe Harbor Feb. 9. We'll provide smoked turkey and more from Annie's Eats (whose cuisine was on our club's menu today). The shelter also needs bath towels, new or gently used. You can take them directly to Safe Harbor or give them to Ron at our next meeting. A sign-up sheet for Feb. 9 will circulate next week.
- PETS (training for club presidents) will be held March 18-19 in Effingham.
- --The annual District Foundation Dinner will be held April 2.
- The District Assembly for current and future officers will be held April 29 at the Forum at Carle in Urbana.
- All of the clubs in B-N will hold a happy hour Thursday, Feb. 223 from 5-7 at Rob Dob's.
- Bruce Bergethon announced a competition for obtaining new members, which will culminate in June. Normal Rotary Club members have been divided into teams to fire up the competitive juices. Invite people to our meetings, explain Rotary to those prospects and invite them to sign on the dotted line. Members of the most successful team will get gift certificates and bragging rights. The entire club will get new blood and new energy.
- Dayna Brown-Nielsen, who arranges our meals, plans to work Annie's Eats into the rotation. She welcomes suggestions for other eateries that might fit into our budget, our taste buds and our schedule.

**Mystery Host:** Greg Anvick presented the \$2 to a fellow reader, Art Drake.

**Birthdays:** Art Drake will celebrate a birthday next week. Given the choice between talking and paying \$5 or remaining silent and paying \$10, he blathered and he blathered some more.



**Happy Fines:** Her Honor Larissa McIlvain pulled herself out of her sign-up-sheet-induced funk and collected money for happy fines:

- After a four-year interruption, Linda Healy was happy to re-start an annual tradition of meeting with college friends. She was also happy about a ribbon-cutting to celebrate expansion at Marcfirst.
- David Hirst was happy to have found a spring-semester host for Angelica, an ISU student from Mexico.
- Dayna Brown-Nielsen was happy to have spent some time in Puerto Rico, vacationing while her husband tended to business there.
- Becky Goeckner wasn't particularly happy with the notification that she owes money to the Social Security Administration. We are all puzzled about that.
- Drake Zimmerman was happy that Hank Campbell made it home from India, where he participated in a friendship exchange and talked up RAM Global.

**Program:** Our speaker was Greg Meyer, executive director of Illinois Prairie Community Foundation. Greg has been with the foundation for eight years. He is a member of the Daybreak Rotary Club. The foundation, headquartered in Bloomington, serves the counties of DeWitt, Logan, Livingston and McLean. Greg explained that the foundation is a non-profit that helps other nonprofits. The foundation's role is to help donors support causes they care about.

According to the foundation brochure, donors can create donor advised funds to make ongoing gifts to charities that matter most to the donors. The foundation can help connect donors to compatible causes and organizations. Or donors can give to one or more of the existing Agency or Partner Funds.

**Thought for the Day:** "When you reach the end of your rope, tie a knot in it and hang on." -Franklin D. Roosevelt

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