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President Ryan Fleming convened the April 26, 2023, meeting of the Normal Rotary Club at the ISU Alumni Center. Ray Ropp gave the invocation.

Announcements:

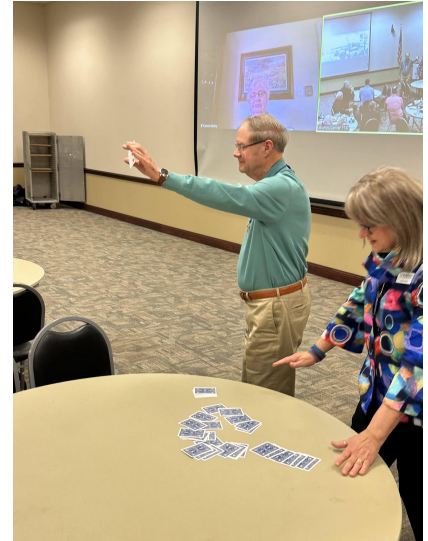
- The next Safe Harbor volunteer event will be held May 10. We will serve 7-7:30 p.m. Volunteers should arrive at 6:45. Ron Timmerman says we need six food servers and two sociable people to chat with the clientele. We also need five people to bring desserts. Contact Ron if you're interested in volunteering. We expect to serve about 30 people, and meals cost \$6.50 apiece. Monetary donations are welcome. Also, Safe Harbor still needs new or gently used bath towels.
- Rural-Urban Night at the Ropp Farm will be held June 14. The speaker will be Paul Walker, president of the Illinois Beef Association and formerly a professor at ISU.
- April 29 will be the District Assembly for current and future officers at the Forum at Carle in Urbana.
- Our club scholarship banquet will be during our regular meeting time May 10 at the ISU Alumni Center. Angie Bubon said the buffet will be provided by the Olive Garden. Interviews are wrapping up, Angie said, and she is grateful for everyone who has participated.
- Surinder Sethi is planning for a visit by two couples from India as part of the Rotary Friendship Exchange. Two couples will visit our district in June, and hosts are needed for them June 15-16. Surinder also needs volunteers to help with transportation.
- May 20, the Rotary Leadership Institute will be held at Richland Community College in Decatur. RLI sessions offer an opportunity to learn about Rotary and how to make your club more effective.
- July 1 is the Rotary Night at the Cornbelters game.
- Rotary Day at the Ballpark will be held July 29 at Busch Stadium. Cards v. Cubs, 6:15 p.m., \$60 per ticket. \$20 of that will come back to our club for literacy projects.
- District 6490 is making a special offer from now through June 16. Your personal contribution of \$100-\$1,000 to the Annual Fund and/or to Polio Plus fund of the Rotary Foundation will be matched with Foundation Recognition Points.



Andy Copenhaver and Carson Varner



Judge Linda Healy



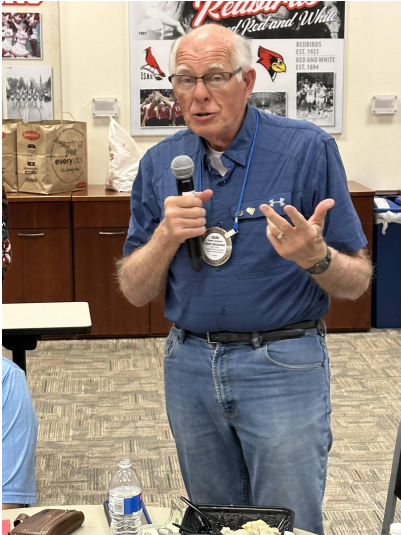
Lottery fun with John A. Bishop and Linda Healy

Mystery host: Andy Copenhaver presented the \$2 to Carson Varner in honor of his work as a columnist for the Pantagraph.

Lottery: John A. Bishop won the day's prize of \$21, but drew the wrong card and missed out on the \$408 grand prize.

Judge: Her Honor Linda Healy presided. None of our members showed up in The Limited magazine, so that normally fertile field for fines was no help at all. Happy fines:

- John Danenberger was happy to have won in the election earlier this month.
- Linda Healy was happy to have participated in scholarship with the incredible kids.
- Hank Campbell was happy to have visited all B-N Rotary Clubs and that all agreed to donate eyeglasses for the Lamu clinic.
- Nancy Brokaw was happy that the children's opera will be touring again with 40 performances booked. Three public performances are planned as well.
- Angie Bubon was happy about an upcoming trip to Las Vegas to help her best friend celebrate victory over stage 3 colon cancer.
- Larissa McIlvain was happy that Heartland Community College's Invest in the Nest fundraiser has made big progress toward its goal. HCC's community service day is coming up and participation looks to be great.
- John A. Bishop is happy to be rid of some unwanted cells on his face, and traces of them will be gone soon.



Hank Campbell



Nancy Brokaw



Angie Bubon

Program: Club Business - We broke up into committees for discussion.

Thought for the Day: (In honor of National Alien Day): "I think the surest sign that there is intelligent life out there in the universe is that none of it has tried to contact us." -Bill Watterson

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