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President John E. Bishop convened the May 20, 2020 online meeting of the Normal Rotary Club, urging members – or at least the faces on the screens – to cordially but safely welcome fellow Rotarians with something like a wave or an air hug.

This day in history:

- 1609 **Shakespeare's** Sonnets are first published in London, perhaps illicitly, by publisher Thomas Thorpe
- 1862 US President **Abraham Lincoln** signs into law the Homestead Act to provide cheap land for the settlement of the American West (80 million acres by 1900)
- 1867 British parliament rejects John Stuart Mills' proposals on women's suffrage
- 1867 Royal Albert Hall of Arts & Sciences foundation laid by **Queen Victoria** in London
- 1873 **Levi Strauss** and Jacob Davis patent the first blue jeans with copper rivets
- 1900 II Summer (Modern) Olympic Games open in Paris
- 1932 **Amelia Earhart** leaves Newfoundland on her journey to become the 1st woman to fly solo and nonstop across the Atlantic

Announcements:

- Rural Urban Night is scheduled for June 3rd. Ray is planning to do ribs. Needs a head count. Please call Ray to RSVP 454-1760. Kim Kidwell, Dean of the College of ACES will be speaking.

- Oakdale Promise Council food drive - Hank made a delivery of groceries to Oakdale. Great to see other people donating.
- Jack participated in an all day Rotary training session for Secretaries. Thank you, Jack!
- Habitat for Humanity - Linda reported no change in the build. Still targeting resuming 7/1. Have started re-opening – ReStore currently open for drop-off donations.
- Linda also reported that Friends Forever meeting has been delayed – was supposed to be last night. Currently, there is no answer whether the team is going to come. Israeli schools are reopening in July. Kemp Hall is still reserved.

Judge: Bruce Bergethon filled in as judge and opened the floor to happy fines:

- Art Drake – Happy to be able to listen to the meeting while driving. Pretty cool.
- Drake – Happy to be able to continue to work.
- Surinder & Gordon B. – Happy that Drake was named Chair for RAM.
- Bill S. – Happy to be able to join online.
- Connie – Elleke has no internet. Sends her best.
- Becky – Happy to see Jack taking over for Marcia.
- Ron T – Happy to have tried Becky’s banana muffins from the Normal Rotary Cookbook.
- Bruce – In the spirit of the Normal Rotary Cookbook, recommend the Cheerios Alfredo.

Program:

Eric Hodges is the Director of Emergency Management at Illinois State University where he has served in lead since 2013. He is a 25-year member of the McLean County Emergency Management Agency where he serves as a Chief.

Eric is also a member of the Illinois Incident Management Team where he serves as a Logistics Section Chief. As a member of the IMT, Eric responded to Hurricane Katrina in 2005 and Superstorm Sandy in 2012.

Eric earned a master’s degree in Emergency & Disaster Management and holds certifications as a Certified Emergency Manager, an Illinois Professional Emergency Manager and as a Master Exercise Practitioner.

ISU has been involved with COVID for a long time, largely due to Study Abroad programs. Late January/Early Feb, meetings started. Eric presented on ISU’s emergency management history and approach to the current pandemic. He addressed their current operations and how the campus currently plans to reopen moving forward. He covered the point that SARS and Swine Flu

didn't have this kind of impact. Really nothing like it since Spanish Flu and people weren't concentrated like this. Pressures, social and political, add to the scenario.

ISU Pride points:

- Communication to the campus – communication is as critical as how we respond to an incident. Built a dedicated team to handle communications.
- Ability to adapt and not just operate by the textbook – bringing the EOC and Cabinet together.

Emergency Management smallest unit of public safety – McLean Co – 2 staff, ISU – 2 staff, 1 at Bromenn, 1 at St Joseph, +/-12 at State Farm, a few at Country, partial at IWU and Heartland.

Next Week's program:

Join us again via Zoom on May 23:

Join Zoom Meeting ONLINE:	DIAL IN BY PHONE:
https://zoom.us/j/98313994561	1 312 626 6799
Meeting ID: 983 1399 4561	Meeting ID: 983 1399 4561



Thought for Today:

“Character is like a tree and reputation like a shadow. The shadow is what we think of it; the tree is the real thing.” - Abraham Lincoln



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