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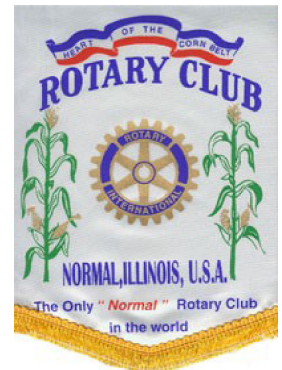
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President John E. Bishop convened the May 6, 2020, meeting of the Normal Rotary Club online. Greg Anvik gave the invocation.

## This day in history:

- 1682 - Louis XIV of France moves his court to Versailles
- 1837 – U.S. blacksmith John Deere creates the first steel plough in Grand Detour, Illinois
- 1851 - Linus Yale patents Yale lock
- 1889 - Exposition Universelle (World's Fair) in Paris opens with the recently completed Eiffel Tower serving as the entrance arch
- 1957 - Pulitzer prize awarded to John F. Kennedy
- 1960 – U.S. President Eisenhower signs Civil Rights Act of 1960
- 1966 - The Rolling Stones release "Paint it Black" in the U.S.

## Announcements:

- Hank Campbell announced that our next district governor, Mike Step, will wait until after Dec. 31 to make club visits. Also, any other district training activities that normally occur in the fall will be cancelled or postponed.
- Fred Hahn reported that the celebration for Mike Step's installation as district governor will be held in the Spring. Fred says Mike's priorities for his year include:
  - being open to new club models -- for example satellite clubs – in order to keep

- o Rotary alive and growing.
  - o for clubs to have regular strategic planning meetings.
  - o for clubs to cultivate more gender diversity.
  - o End Polio Now.
  - o for clubs to continually update the DACdb database.
- President John announced that the club board meeting has been postponed to 11 a.m. Friday and the agenda will include district awards.
- Hank met with other assistant governors and learned that the next RI president's theme will be "Rotary Opens Opportunities."
- Ray Ropp reminded us that Rural-Urban Night will be held June 3.
- Linda Healy reported regarding Rotary's Habitat for Humanity house construction. Habitat continues to follow the governor's direction, and no volunteer building is going on right now. They hope to resume July 1 as they try to keep everyone safe. Linda will let us know as soon as she knows something for certain.
- Venezuelan exchange student Luis joined Ray Ropp at our online meeting.

**Judge:** Linda Healy dispensed justice, fining people who neglected to wear pins for our online meeting. Otherwise, there were happy fines:

- Linda was happy about working at home, where she has a prettier environment, windows and a husband who fixes her a hot dog for lunch.
- President John was also happy about working from home, and he's been surprised how productive he has been.
- We recognized the April and May birthday babies among us. I, for one, was happy that we did not sing.
- Hank Campbell was happy to announce that Dreams Are Possible is receiving a \$3,859 grant.
- Greg Anvick was happy about a recent trip to Florida and back.

While he was at it, Greg asked Linda about this year's plan for Friends Forever. Linda says the short answer is that we don't know.

### **Program:**

Our speakers were representatives of Youth Engaged in Philanthropy (YEP): students Camryn Reschke, a junior at Normal West; Devan Bishop, a junior at NCHS; and sponsors Amanda Cole and Eric Swanson.

YEP is an organization whose goal is to teach young people in grades 8-12 about philanthropy. Along the way, it also teaches leadership skills and offers volunteer opportunities.

Each year, an anonymous donor gives the group \$10,000, and it's up to the young members to decide the priorities and values they want to see in the organizations they support. YEP members review grant applications and allocate the funds to the successful applicants. Over the years, YEP has awarded \$69,520 to 57 recipients in Livingston, DeWitt, Logan and McLean counties.

One recipient was the YWCA, which wanted to fund kits to teach children about cultural differences. YEP members also volunteered time working at the West Bloomington Active Garden, another recipient of its funding.

YEP is trying to fund an endowment to continue the group's activities in the event the annual donation dries up for some reason. For more information, see YEP's website: [www.ciyep.org](http://www.ciyep.org). You can donate to YEP through the Illinois Prairie Community Foundation website.

# Youth Engaged in Philanthropy

Camryn Reschke and Devan Bishop



# Youth Engaged in Philanthropy

Youth Engaged in Philanthropy—a youth-led initiative under the Illinois Prairie Community Foundation—is a group of 15-20 high school students from Dewitt, Livingston, Logan and McLean Counties with a \$10,000 philanthropic budget to allocate grant funds to local youth-focused initiatives.



# Youth Engaged in Philanthropy

Since 2013, Youth Engaged in Philanthropy (YEP) have explored the meaning of philanthropy, the needs in the community, and the impact of giving back.

We have received and reviewed a total of 145 grant proposals and awarded a total of \$69,520 to 57 applicants impacting 14,000 youth.\*



*\*through 2018-2019 grant year*

## What is the Grant Cycle?

Starting in November, many organizations are identified by YEP members and invited to submit proposals. Then, the YEP cohort get together and evaluate these grant requests.

We evaluate them based on how helpful they are to the community, how much youth engagement went into the application, and overall how effective and self sustaining the organization appears from their application.

We then decide how much of the 10,000 dollars we wish to award them, usually going off the organization's itemized budget and what we feel we wish to help fund.

## What do we do?

Every year an anonymous donor donates 10,000 dollars for which we are responsible for distributing to non profit organizations in 4 local counties-- Livingston, DeWitt, Mclean, & Logan county.

Examples of previous grant recipients:



# What our Our Focuses?

## Community Engagement

- One of YEP's main goals is making an impact on our community
  - Volunteering
  - Reaching out to local businesses



*Volunteering at the Midwest Food Bank*

## Next Week's program:

Join us again via Zoom on May 13:

Join Zoom Meeting ONLINE:	DIAL IN BY PHONE:
<a href="https://zoom.us/j/98313994561">https://zoom.us/j/98313994561</a>	1 312 626 6799
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### ***Thought for Today:***

“Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future.”

--John F. Kennedy



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