

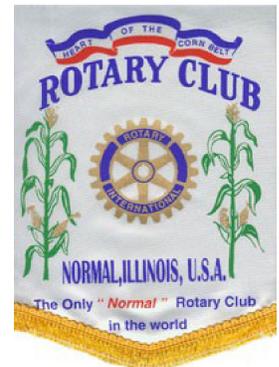
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President John Bishop called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

This day in history:

- 1579 English navigator Francis Drake lands on the coast of California at Drakes Bay, names it "New Albion"
- 1837 Charles Goodyear obtains his 1st rubber patent
- 1856 Republican Party opens its 1st national convention in Philadelphia
- 1885 Statue of Liberty arrives in NYC aboard French ship 'Isere'
- 1894 1st US poliomyelitis epidemic breaks out in Rutland, Vermont
- 1947 Pan Am Airways chartered as 1st worldwide passenger airline

Announcements:

- A brief meeting would be held afterward for board members to go over the budget and vote on it.
- The new board will be sworn in, virtually, next week at our regularly scheduled meeting.

- Linda Healy announced that Habitat has a date to begin building: July 1! The first Saturday of July will be July 4, so Rotarians will be back on site on July 11. There will be social distancing protocols in place at both sites. Masks and hand sanitizer will be provided and required. As a reminder, Habitat International has safety standards that require safety glasses and hard hats; these will also be provided. See details from Linda below:

Greetings, fellow Rotarians!

I know we were all starting to wonder if this day would ever come, but it has.

Our first back-to-build date is Saturday, July 11. 812 W Washington, Blm. 8-noon. Homeowner is Mikaila Walls and she'll be bringing her brother Kalin to live there with her. (As an aside, he's featured in a Habitat Congrats Grads video. Check it out here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZDWa7QlzOzM&feature=youtu.be>)

Many of you know that our volunteer coordinator Lindsey Jarboe was expecting a baby at the end of this month. Little Gavin arrived yesterday, a little early! We are thrilled for her, of course, but we weren't quite ready. 😊

We've hired a replacement for this summer during Lindsey's maternity leave, who I'd like to introduce to you all via this email. Dawn Davis has a wealth of experience in project management, the non-profit world, and even experience coordinating Habitat volunteers with the San Francisco affiliate! We expect her to start next week and her first order of business will be to post the online signups for the Rotary House.

She or I will let you know when those are up, but please let your clubs know that we'll be back working on the house soon.

We will most likely need a smaller group of volunteers each week (based on the job that day) and will do our best to keep everyone safe by:

1. Social distancing
2. Masks required (we'll provide)
3. Gloves required (we'll provide)
4. Hard hats required (we'll provide)
5. Safety glasses required (we'll provide)
6. We will have hand sanitizer at the build site

If you have your own items on the above list, feel free to bring them. Just FYI – Jim is ordering more safety glasses that fit over eyeglasses.

Habitat will disinfect hardhats and safety glasses between uses. Very important to keep track of what you're using on a build site, so items don't get mixed up.

For anyone bringing snacks, it's a good idea to bring individually wrapped cookies, granola bars,

etc, and individual drinks. We will always have bottled water on site.

Please all welcome Dawn to the team and Baby Gavin to Lindsey's family. Such excitement in the midst of these crazy times!

Thanks for your patience and I look forward to building with you again,

Linda

Judge: Judge Larissa McIlvain turned on her video just to perform her judiciary duties, opening the floor for happy fines.

Alan Chapman was happy that he celebrated his 51st anniversary on Monday. Because he missed his donation last year, he'll send a check for \$101 to the Normal Rotary Foundation for this year's and last year's anniversary.

Ray Ropp reported that his granddaughter's photo appeared with an article in the Pantagraph a few days ago, where she was quoted about her disappointment with the fair being different this year.

Jack Moody noted that he was able to input all of President John Bishop's goals that were achieved over the last year. We had 10 completed goals for the Normal Rotary Club for the last 12 months, so we will be getting a citation for that. Congratulations to everyone for all the club has achieved.

Dayna Brown was very happy to report that Unit 5 has provided over 130,000 meals for students during this period. She also said that she saved \$900 on the next lowest bid with Grayco Heating & Cooling last week thanks to Jack's recommendation.

Judge Larissa closed the happy fines by noting that she was happy to see Gordon right side up! (For those who have not been attending Zoom meetings, Gordon had a bit of trouble with his camera. For a few weeks, he looked to be standing on his head during our meetings.

Program: Dr. Keith Cornille, President Heartland Community College

Dr. Keith Cornille (Ed.D. Educational Leadership, Edgewood College) has held various positions in higher education over the past 30 plus years, before becoming the fourth President at Heartland Community College in July 2018. Dr. Cornille and his wife Falicia have two adult children, Justin and Dakota, both living in the Madison area. He currently serves on the Chamber of Commerce Board, BN COMPACT Board, BN Advantage Leadership Council and is a supporting member of Habitat for Humanity, Boys and Girls Club, Great Plains LIFE Foundation, and Home Sweet Home Ministry. Also serving on United Way board.

Presentation:

Dr. Cornille provided an informative report on Heartland Community College's strategic directions, as well as its response during the COVID-19 crisis. A primary focus has been and will continue to be increasing access and enrollment, providing an opportunity for all individuals who need the community college's resources in order to move themselves forward.

Heartland offers services in a variety of ways, from teaching English language skills to offering courses for GED completion; from programs that assist individuals transitioning into the workforce to academic preparation for students who want to transfer to a four-year institution; and from individuals who come from local companies or on their own for professional enrichment coursework to those who come for personal enrichment. Heartland sends more students to Illinois State than any other community college in the state, and because of this, Dr. Cornille works closely with ISU President Dietz.

A popular and growing focus has been the college's work readiness programs. These offer short-term "stackable" credentials that put individuals on a pathway to further success. One example is in the health programs, where a student may begin by earning a Nursing Assistant Certificate (CNA), and then return for additional coursework to build their credentials toward an LPN, and then Associate Degree in Nursing that can lead toward an RN. Stackable credentials can be earned in phases, with a student returning to work in between.

Driven by a set of priorities that include student completion and success, the college continually assesses whether it is offering what its population needs. One priority that has been important over the past year has been to develop plans and strategies for equity and a safe and welcoming environment at the college. Recent events have shown that this needs to remain a key priority. Programs that are under development currently include a new agriculture program with new facilities and a new lab for the Medical Assistant and CNA programs.

The COVID crisis has meant many changes. Faculty converted all classes to an online format in a single week. The campus has been closed, but the college has not been. Occasionally students have had to return to complete something for certifications that cannot be done remotely. The transition was successful in part because all faculty have had to take courses in alternative course delivery methods, including in how to move an existing course online. Over 95% of faculty have certifications to teach online, which means that the college is positioned well to move into a fall semester in which some courses will continue to be online.

A lot of energy was put toward student support. Some students had no access to the internet, or no personal computers. The college found that it needed to provide hotspots and computers for those who needed them, for example. The estimated cost of meeting student and instructional needs so far, plus potential lost revenues, stands at more than \$3 million, and growing. Through

the CARES act, over 750 students have been provided assistance for expenses. Over \$65,000 in support has been distributed so far.

Two primary areas of focus that are part of all of the decision making during the COVID crisis are ensuring the health and safety of students, employees, and visitors and maintaining the high quality of education that is regularly offered. The college does have a transition plan, phasing in more staff over the summer. The fall schedule is revised, with a large number of courses continuing to be online in order to provide certainty for students about what to expect.

Members' questions and comments included gratitude from Jack Moody and Dayna Brown, whose children have attended Heartland. Jack asked for some detail about fall enrollments, and Dr. Cornille replied that fall enrollments are still somewhat uncertain, and that we will likely see an uptick in the fall, as students are more confident about returning and may be picking up courses to build skills as they reenter the workforce. Dayna inquired about the ability of the college to maintain the sense of a collegiate experience for its students. Student engagement programs, Dr. Cornille replied, will continue in the fall. There will be forums for students and parents to help them understand what it may require to be an online learner for a short period of time, to ease that transition. All of the data shows, however, that students who are engaged in their campus in a holistic way have a higher degree of success when they transfer. So events will take place on campus in the fall, including athletic programs. Heartland will have its first volleyball program this fall.



Thought for Today:

“Polio's pretty special because once you get an eradication, you no longer have to spend money on it; it's just there as a gift for the rest of time.” - Bill Gates



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