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President Fred Hahn, broadcasting on WFJH, convened the Aug. 5, 2020 meeting of the Normal Rotary Club via Zoom. Gordon Bidner offered the invocation.

Fred noted several reasons why Aug. 5, the 218th day of 2020, is an important day:

- On August 5, 910, the Danish army was finally defeated at the Battle of Tettenhall by Edward the Elder and Aethelred the Unready.
- Great Britain asks the U.S. for another loan on this day in 1947 after burning through the first loan of \$3,150,000 following WWII.
- The Muslim world is celebrating the Eid al-Adha or the Feast of Sacrifice.
- It is Independence Day in Burkina Faso and Kiribati Youth Day, which encourages a health lifestyle amongst the younger generation.
- Your Birthday Horoscope for today declares that you are humorous and optimistic, have a quick wit and make clever observations.

Announcements:

- The club board of directors was to meet after the club meeting.
- Linda Healy announced that the remaining work on the Habitat for Humanity Rotary house is all inside work, so staffing at the house must be minimal. And therefore, Rotarians will not be building on this house anymore. Linda adds that next year she will beg Rotarians for help on a new project. Habitat's traditional house blessing will be held virtually, and Linda will let us know about that.
- Fred announced that Bill Rolley has resigned from the club.

Judge:

Bruce Bergethon, administering his version of justice to the club, went straight to **Happy fines:**

- Bruce was happy to have run into Surinder Sethi during a walk.
- Gordon Bidner was happy that his youngest granddaughter had her virtual high school graduation in St. Louis, where she was valedictorian. She's headed to Notre Dame.
- Drake Zimmerman announced that triple matches are available for malaria grants. The goal is to raise \$50,000. Donations can be sent to: RMP, 300 Lenora Str #269, Seattle WA 98121.
- Linda Healy was happy that her garden this year is the best it's ever been, due to the fact that she has time to tend it.
- President Fred was happy that his family is safe in New York after Hurricane Isaias blew through.
- Hank Campbell was happy to have donated to the malaria fundraiser. He also was happy to have enjoyed many flowers and trees at ISU's Horticulture Center, located on Raab Road.
- Surinder was happy about his encounter with Bruce, and Surinder would welcome visitors.

Speaker:

ISU President and fellow Rotarian Larry Dietz discussed the university's response to the pandemic and what he has learned through it all.

Faced with the covid crisis, ISU turned thousands of its conventional classes into online modality within a week. That process normally would've taken years of planning, research, discussion and more planning. That was a lesson in resilience for the university faculty and staff.

ISU demonstrated persistence in holding a virtual graduation ceremony for 5,000 students. For Larry personally, the covid crisis has been a lesson in gratitude for freedoms we enjoy in normal times, freedoms that have been highlighted by their restriction during the pandemic. He also is grateful for the support of ISU staff, the community and alumni. And he is grateful for support and encouragement and occasional kick in the backside he has received from Marlene during this time.

For the coming school year, Larry said his eye will be on the pandemic. Parents, students, faculty and staff are anxious about these uncertain times, and each group has their own priorities and concerns. Parents want their students out of the house and back on campus. Students want to return to campus. Faculty and staff are concerned about the health implications of a crowded campus.

ISU is increasing the number of online classes because ISU's classrooms are not made for social distancing. Campus housing will be less dense. Still 15,000 students will be in the community – many of them have been in the community during the summer. ISU plans to market responsible behavior: wearing masks, social distancing, washing hands and staying home when sick.

And everyone will get a Redbird mask.



Thought for Today:

“ While some fear the future, I fear the past.” -Composer John Cage



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