

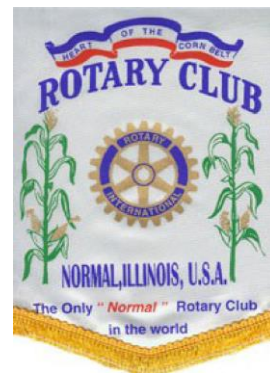
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President Fred Hahn single-handedly convened the Sept. 16, 2020 meeting of the Normal Rotary Club. I say single-handedly because Fred's right hand is out of commission. He broke it while moving logs as part of his woodworking hobby. That kind of injury is referred to as a boxer's fracture. It all sounds quite manly, and Fred should be proud.

Ray Ropp and Hank Campbell shared invocation duty for this meeting.

Fred offered several reasons to be proud to have a role in Sept. 16, 2020:

- Today is an important day. There are only 106 days left in the year.
- This is Mexican Independence Day! On September 16th, 1810, Mexico declared its independence from Spain after 300 years of Spanish Rule. Coincidentally, it is also National Guacamole Day.
- If you are the great illusionist David Copperfield, you are celebrating your birthday somewhere – no one knows. Other notables having cake and ice cream are Nick Jonas and Marc Anthony. If you are Lauren Bacall, James Cash Penney [JC Penny], or Peter Falk, you sadly are beyond celebrating.
- As your oracle and seer of planetary influences in our life, Fred offers this career advice. If you are contemplating a change, take comfort in the fact that you have unique skills for a variety of careers. Your sensitivity translates well into caring professions such as a counseling or teaching. Your analytical abilities would be great in science or research

and your artistic soul would find satisfaction in the arts. This said, you are a wonderful fit as a Rotarian.

Visiting Rotarians and Students of the Month

There were no students of the month, no visiting Rotarians and no guests.

Announcements:

- Dayna Brown-Nielsen announced that we'll have a socially-distanced social event at the Ropp Farm, 4:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16. Bring a family member. Dayna said Ray and Carol have made her feel quite comfortable and safe, despite the pandemic environment.
- Hank Campbell reminded us that the District Conference will be held 8:30 a.m. to noon Oct. 3 via Zoom. There is no fee.
- Jack Moody was pleased to announce that a forum for Rotary Club secretaries was scheduled for Sept. 17.

Judge: His Honor Bruce Bergethon showed his sympathy for the under-under-underdog by wearing a Pirates T-shirt. He challenged Rotarians to come up with sports-related happy fines.

- Art Drake was happy that, as a non-sports fan, every day is a good day.
- Dayna Brown-Nielsen -- an apparently proud, lifelong White Sox fan -- was happy about her team's performance this year. She paid big bucks.
- Ryan Fleming didn't skimp on the happy fine either, being thrilled that the football season apparently will take place.
- Hank Campbell was generously happy that Mary spoke to Sunrise Rotary about Dreams are Possible.

Speaker: Scott Miller, the morning voice of WJBC

He joined the radio station two years ago and promptly admitted to being loud, crazy and obnoxious.

Scott fell in love with the radio biz at age 12 when his idol, longtime DJ Dick Biondi, gave him an autograph and let him read the weather forecast on the air. Scott attended SIU-Carbondale and was hired and fired from a string of stations, which is typical among radio personalities. One job that he held for five years before leaving VOLUNTARILY was with Oprah Radio, a career move that still puzzles him.

After working for Chicago radio stations, Scott once again found himself out of a job and was pleased to join WJBC as an afternoon host. He since was reassigned to mornings.

The highlight of Scott's day is the four hours that he broadcasts. He says many local residents rely on WJBC's news-talk format, which he describes as hyperlocal. When the topic of politics comes up, Scott tries to play it right down the middle, and he can count on catching flak from both sides. He has gotten to know Bloomington-Normal and the surrounding area largely by attending garage sales and estate sales.



Thought for Today:

“I have no special talent, but I am passionately curious.”

--Albert Einstein



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