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President Fred Hahn convened the September 2nd meeting of the Normal Rotary Club via Zoom. Jack Moody offered the invocation.

### Dayna Brown introduced our Students of the Month:

- **NCHS Grace Degenhart** – Grace has been on the Dance Team since freshman year and is currently on the Senior Class Board. Grace shared that the school year is going pretty smoothly so far, but is a little weird. COVID hasn't really changed the application process, but haven't been able to make any campus visits.
- **NCWHS** – Student will join us next week
- **U High** – Student is unable to join this month due to a class conflict

### President Fred noted several reasons why Sept. 2nd, the 245th day of 2020, is an important day:

- On September 2, 1901 Theodore Roosevelt uttered the words "Speak softly and carry a big In 1965, Cubs slugger Ernie Banks hit his 400th career home run at Wrigley Field. In 1969, first ATM was installed in NYC, and in 1965, the Beatles received a gold record for the song "Help."
- On this date in 2019, Category 5 hurricane Dorian approached the East Coast.
- This is World Coconut Day. First celebrated in 2009 to showcase the health benefits of this continues to this day with festivals and celebrations throughout the South Pacific and Asia.
- Keanu Reeves is celebrating the 56th anniversary of his birth.

## **Announcements:**

- Gordon – 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the surrender of Japan on the deck of the battleship Missouri.
- Hank - District Grant Application submitted for a project to support Dreams Are Possible for \$2,000 with a possible \$1,000 from the club. Grant will provide meals and childcare assistance for mandatory OSHA training required for students as well as incentive sundries for students.
- Hank - Reminder that Virtual District Meeting is upcoming on October 3. Register online through the District website.
- Mark Jontry – Jim Collie award is being presented to Sheriff Jon Sandage at the Sheriff's Department tomorrow 9/3. Gordon Bidner is going to make the presentation. Mark will video it to share for future viewing.
  - Art asked if there will there be a press release? Gordon has already coordinated with Bill Wills to prepare a press release. Art has requested it to include on the Club Facebook page.

## **Judge: The Most Honorable John E Bishop:**

- Judge John asked for anyone to self-report
  - Fred: self reported participating in a Pantagraph interview but failing to wear a Rotary Pin.
- **Happy Fines**

John E. Bishop celebrated 27<sup>th</sup> anniversary

Hank – pleased to have completed the district grant application to support Dreams are Possible

Dayna – Happy to be working from home with her dog Peppermint. Happy for all the support for Unit 5. She is also happy to have been able to participate in a Bloomington Rotary meeting and see that they are seeing similar numbers of participants.

Art – Sent out a Rotary related email that referenced Angie. Spellcheck autocorrected to Angie Bubonic. Paying a fine on behalf of spellcheck.

Angie — Had a gender reveal for her twins and is happy to announce she is having twin girls!

**Speaker: Mark Jontry – COVID in schools across the Four County Region**



Mark shared that District 87 and Unit 5 are currently doing remote learning, while rural schools in the Region are either doing in person or hybrid (in person for at least half the week). Districts have invested in a lot of money and time for planning and PPE (Personal Protective Equipment). Schools have struggled with making sure students have the correct face coverings - face covering cannot just be a face shield except for very specific conditions. They are also seeing parents trying to get doctors to provide releases for masks. Schools have also added signage, marked out 6' social distancing and added additional cleaning and sanitization. Districts are starting to look at tools for testing and contact tracing at the school or district level.

Districts are trying to provide as much normalcy as possible. While most districts have shortened their day they are still delivering coursework and lessons. Tactile and play based instruction has been greatly reduced in an effort to limit hand to hand transmission.

One of the biggest challenges facing the districts is the inability or reduced ability to offer extra-curriculars. Lesser risk activities have been allowed to proceed with modifications, higher risk have been delayed to the Spring. Return to normal is going to be dependent upon a widely available vaccine, but it is likely teachers and students will not be at the front of the line for vaccinations.



***Thought for Today:***

“Seek out people who make you feel good, who encourage you, who make you laugh, and who remind you what is important in life”

Germany Kent, Greenville, MS



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