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As the Normal Rotary Club convened via Zoom on Oct. 21, members who logged on before noon had a chance to chat.

- We learned that our secretary, Jack Moody was setting a wonderful example of Rotary service by driving an acquaintance to Champaign to the hospital.
- Hey! Linda Healy had a birthday last week!

President Fred Hahn called our meeting to order and then shared highlights of this date in History:

- Today is October 21. It is the 43 Wednesday of the year. There are only 71 days remaining in 2020.
- It is the "Back to the Future" Day, when Marty McFly traveled back in time to 1985 in a DeLorian with a bad starter.
- In 1892, Columbus Day was celebrated in the U.S. by school children who recited, for the first time, the original version of the "Pledge of Allegiance" written by Francis Bellamy.

- The English are celebrating Trafalgar Day. On this day in 1805, Viscount Horatio Nelson leading a crew of 821 and standing on the bridge of the three-deck, 100-gun, HMS Victory, defeated the combined French and Spanish fleet.
- Famous birthdays include Carrie Fisher [1956], Alfred Nobel [1833], inventor of Dynamite and founder of the Nobel Prize.

There were no visitors at our meeting.

### **Announcements:**

- Our annual poinsettia fundraiser is moving forward. Tickets are being printed and will soon be distributed by mail. The cost has increased this year due to raised prices from our provider. Arrival of the poinsettias will be Friday, December 11 and hopefully most deliveries made that date as well. Distribution will continue on Saturday, December 12. The location for delivery and distribution has yet to be confirmed.
- David Taylor and others have been working to find a venue for our club to have at least one hybrid meeting per month. They are hoping to have these hybrid meetings on the first Wednesday of the month starting in November. The first Wednesday was selected because traditionally we do not have a guest speaker and thus are less concerned about making connections possible. Tentatively the Illinois Prairie Community Foundation, 915 E Washington St #2, Bloomington, has been chosen as our location. This is near Beer Nuts and in the complex with the Green Top Grocery. Attendance will be limited to 16 and the meeting will be available by Zoom.
- Rotary Membership Training will be held virtually on October 29 at 5:30 p.m. Committee chairs should have received information on this and are encouraged to “attend”.

**Judge:** We were glad to have John E. Bishop back with us but were saddened to learn of all the family health issues that he is trying to handle: his Dad had a seizure last night and because the hospitals were full he was sent here to Carle BroMenn; and cancer has returned to his wife Rebecca. You can see that he has his hands full. Judge John then led us into the Judiciary portion of the meeting.

- He suggested that we might all want to kick in \$1 if we are glad that there are only 2 more weeks of political ads to be broadcast!
- We heard that there was a great gathering at the Ropp farm last Friday, and luckily President Fred Hahn was able to get the sticky S'mores off of his fingers.
- Alan Chapman was impressed to see that Drake Zimmerman and his wife Jan were recognized at the Rotary Zone 30/31 virtual meeting for their Level 3 Major Donor status. Also recognized for their accomplishments were District 6490 and Past District Governor Julie Dobski
- Rob Cranston was happy that he and his wife Mary celebrated 36 years of wedded bliss last week. For that he will contribute \$36 and then add \$4 to round it up to \$40 because referring to President Fred's “Back to the Future” Day and the famous car – The DeLorean -- shared his own DeLorean story. While Rob was in school in Iowa, a friend of his drove the company car, a

DeLorean, to visit him. The two guys cruised around campus and were quite the “chick magnets”.

· Linda Healy had two Happy Fines: Habitat for Humanity recently hosted a Virtual Luncheon fund raiser. They raised \$283,000! On November 6<sup>th</sup> another fundraiser will be held – also virtually – Chairs 4 Change. Linda said that 100 local artists will be decorating chairs that are furnished by Recycling Furniture for Families. Information can be found at <https://habitatmclean.org/get-involved/events/event/2020/11/06/chairs-4-change>

**Guest Speaker:** Our guest speaker was our very own Drake Zimmerman! Drake spoke about Rotary’s efforts to take the instances of Malaria down to ZERO!

Malaria is a parasite. It is transmitted from the host (a human) to another human via the bite of a mosquito. While primarily in Africa with climate change and places getting warmer the affected areas have expanded and have led to a larger transmission of the disease.

**Rotarians Against Malaria-Global (RAM-Global.org)** are following the footprint established by Rotary in our effort to end Polio. Grassroots efforts are taking education and resources directly to the people. To prevent the spread, bed nets are distributed and IRS – indoor residual wall spraying -- is utilized and paid for by Global Funds. The key player in diagnosis and treatment is the community health worker. Surveillance and communication will ultimately bring the number of cases down to zero. Because currently COVID needs to be addressed, information on it is being combined in the Malaria effort. The importance of education, the use and provision of masks and sanitizers is evident in smaller instances of COVID in Africa.

**Rotarians Against Malaria-Global (RAM-Global.org)** is a group that Drake encouraged us to join. He has already made sure that our Club is a member and said that for an individual to join the cost is only \$20.

Of course, larger donations are appreciated! **Rotarian Malaria Partners (RMP)** is a 501c3 operating in Washington State, USA and your gifts are appreciated as well as tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. Tax Identification Number 461380419. To maximize any contribution, it should be sent to **Rotarian Malaria Partners** at the address listed below. All donations to that group are matched dollar for dollar by the Gates Foundation.

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#### **Thought for the Day:**

*“I understand that if I can show a moment of patience in a moment of anger, I will save myself 100 hours of regret.”*

- Anonymous

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