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President Fred Hahn convened the Oct. 7, 2020 meeting of the Normal Rotary Club via Zoom. Becky Goeckner stepped up to give the invocation.

Using vast powers that I didn't know he had, Fred cancelled the entire history of Oct. 7. Usually, he declares every meeting day as historically important, but instead he issued this edict: "This day in history cancelled. Nothing worthy of remembering so we are going to recall events for tomorrow, October 8th"

- In 1948, the first pacemaker was installed in 43-year-old Arne Larsson. It worked for 3 hours – after it was disconnected, Arne lived for 43 more years.
- In 1871, a fire started in a barn located southwest of downtown business district and burned for 3 days, destroying over 3 square miles of the city. Walking around the Pilsen neighborhood, you can still see the original street level
- Birthday celebrations for October 7 are also cancelled since Vladimir Putin was the only celebrant I could find. However, on the 8th, Matt Damon and Chevy Chase were born. Neils Bohr, who postulated the quantum theory of atoms, was born on the 8th as well.

Students of the Month

- Emily Canchola – Emily is a senior at NCHS and BACC. She is a third-year cosmetology student and is in her first year in the culinary program, which she really enjoys. After high school, she plans to complete work toward a cosmetology license.

Announcements:

- President Fred said 10 members of Normal Rotary participated in last Saturday's online District Conference. Fred and Hank Campbell spoke highly about the breakout sessions.
- Fred noted that our club was successful in getting a \$2,000 district grant from Dreams are Possible.
- Hank attended an online meeting of the Oakdale Promise Council. The group has been able to meet some of the school's need for supplies, but other needs will probably emerge when students return to the classroom. Hank also recognized Grace Church for its support of providing weekend food for students in need.

Judge: The Most Honorable Bruce Bergethon

Judge Bergethon started us off with a brief current events quiz that did NOT include COVID or the election. He also dinged Rotarians who were careless enough to show up in front of their computers with their pins. And then there were happy fines:

- Linda Healy disputed the notion that nothing important happened on Oct. 7. She must hold this belief very strongly because she paid \$31 -- \$1 for each year of her marriage to Pat, which occurred on an Oct. 7 long, long ago.
- Miranda Johns-Cummings was happy because her family just got its first puppy.
- Drake Zimmerman was happy because he and Jan just completed a train trip to Seattle for a malaria meeting.

Program: McLean County Clerk Kathy Michael



McLean County Clerk Kathy Michael discussed the challenges of managing an election during a time of pandemic. It's the most exciting and challenging election she has seen in more than a decade as county clerk.

She expects that 20,000 voters will mail in their ballots. Two thousand mail ballots arrived in her office Wednesday morning. Also, her office takes dozens of phone calls each day, answering questions about procedures, covid safety measures, early voting and more.


Early voting has been going well, with no lines and a good turnout. Google the McLean County Clerk, and click on "elections" to learn more about early voting, voting by mail, drop-off boxes for mail ballots and more.

If you vote by mail, don't wait until the last minute to mail your ballot, she urged. And, she said, the more people who early-vote, the better.


Thought for Today:

“It always seems impossible until it is done.”
 --Nelson Mandela



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