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President's Welcome:

President Fred Hahn convened the Feb. 17, 2021 meeting of the Normal Rotary Club via Zoom. Ray Ropp gave the invocation.

This date in history:

- Thomas Jefferson was elected President of the U.S. The House of Representatives had to break the Electoral College tie by electing Jefferson over Aaron Burr.
- In 1864, the Confederate submarine HL Hunley sunk the Union ship Housatonic in the world's first submarine attack.
- In 1883, A. Ashwell patents the vacant/occupied toilet lock in London.
- "Madama Butterfly" by Giacomo Puccini premiered in Milan.

Announcements:

- Fred congratulated Jack Moody, our latest graduate of the Rotary Leadership Institute. Ann Haugo, our incoming President also attended RLI.
- Fred announced that a new Rotary Club is in the making. The Pub Club is being organized Tara Conklin.
- Fred and Ann attended the Rotary Club Presidents Council meeting to catch up on what is happening in the B/N area.
- Anticipating Earth Day, Fred noted that the Ecology Action Center has a goal of planting 10 in McLean County this year. Need volunteers.
- Art Drake announced that sliced bread was invented in Iowa. This provides some basis for otherwise inexplicable pride in their home state.

Judge: Happy Fines

- Bruce Bergethon volunteered to pay a fine to name Art Drake the club's official bemuser.
- Drake Zimmerman was happy to have learned something about Iowa.
- Ray Ropp, who has served as a trustee of Normal Township for many years, is running as a write-in this year because of problems with some paperwork. He'd appreciate it if fellow Rotarians would spread the word.
- Art Drake was happy to have acquired a new pandemic-era hobby: sending out old-but-not-too-old family pictures to his kids.
- Fred Hahn was happy that he and Adrian have appointments for covid vaccinations.
- Drake Zimmerman was happy to have been named recipient of Grabill-Homan Community Peace Prize, which will be awarded in April. He was also happy that the malaria program will receive \$2 million in funding.
- Hank Campbell was happy about a virtual leadership program for youth will be available, using resources provided by Friends Forever.
- David Taylor was happy that sign-up for the Tee It Up golf outing is going so well. Some slots are still available for the May 21 event.

Speaker:

We didn't have one. Instead, Rotarians chatted about various questions and concerns. Here's what came up:

- Fred announced that there is a tentative – and still incomplete -- slate of officers for the 2021-22 year. Club members will vote on officers when the slate is finalized. Here's how the list stands now: president, Ann Haugo; past-president, Fred Hahn; president-elect, none so far; secretary, Jack Moody; treasurer, Ryan Fleming; sergeant-at-arms, Bill Semlak; directors, David Taylor, Larissa McIlvain, Dayna Brown-Nielsen and Hank Campbell (tentative).
- Andy Copenhaver will schedule a meeting of the Normal Rotary Foundation via Zoom call. Drake Zimmerman reported that foundation finances look good.
- Andy also said that poinsettia sales were extra profitable this year.
- Connie Gentry said that the Coats for Kids inventory is good for this year and next.
- Drake Zimmerman said the Rotary action group on malaria is setting up a program to train community health workers in other countries. The training would focus on malaria and other health issues. He hopes that the district will sponsor the training of several of these health workers.
- Rotary Youth Exchange student from Venezuela, Luis, is in limbo, wondering about his next step as his student visa nears expiration. The visa was extended once after covid complicated travel to Venezuela. Now, Luis would like to extend the visa again so he can continue studies in the U.S.

Thought for the Day

"Study books and great minds. Let your philosophy be practical and your practice philosophical"
-Rhode Island Board of Education

To sign up to be a *Spoke* reporter one Wednesday, go here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044CAAAD2AA3FA7-thespoke>

To sign up to give the invocation one Wednesday, go here:

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To suggest a speaker: send an email to Dayna Brown (brownda@unit5.org) or Ann Haugo (ahaugo@ilstu.edu).

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<i>PHF – Paul Harris Fellow HH – Hall of Honor PHF* - Paul Harris Fellow/Stone PHS – Paul Harris Society</i>	<i>DHH - District Hall of Honor HM – Honorary Member MD – Major Donors PP – Past President</i>	<i>DNRY- District New Rotarian of the Year PDG – Past District Governor</i>	<i>BS – Bequest Society Member DRY-District Rotarian of the Year GWRY – George Wolf Rotarian of the Year</i>
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