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President's Welcome:

Normal Rotary Club President Fred Hahn convened the Feb. 24 meeting via Zoom. He explained why this day is important in history:

This date in history:

- Today, we observe: Inconvenience Yourself Day, National Dance Day, National Tortilla Chip Day, Pink Shirt Day, Twin Peaks Day and World Bartender Day.
- In 1582, Pope Gregory XIII announced the new style Gregorian calendar
- George Rogers Clark captured Vincennes [IN] from the British
- In 1891, Louisville KY becomes the first government in the U.S. to adopt the Australian ballot. This is the secret ballot and printed on a standard voting form.
- In 1923, the Flying Scotsman goes into service.
- And finally, on this day in 1942, the Battle of Los Angeles takes place when a series of anti-aircraft engagements over the city responded to a rumored – but false – Japanese attack. The guns fired throughout the night and into the morning of the next day.

Announcements:

- Fred presented a slate of officers for the 2021-22 term: Ann Haugo, president; Ryan Fleming, president-elect (with a treasurer intern); Ryan Fleming, treasurer; Jack Moody, vice president (with a secretary intern); Jack Moody, secretary; David Taylor, Hank Campbell, Larissa McIlvain and Dayna Brown-Nielson, directors. Gordon Bidner made a motion to approve the slate of officers, seconded by Surinder Sethi. Motion carried.

Judge: His Honor Bruce Bergethon dispensed justice, adding a hand-clap requirement to payers of fines who are “happy and you know it.” Cute. Very cute.

Happy Fines

- Bruce was happy that he fell down stairs, went to the doctor to get checked and ended up with a covid vaccination.
- Bruce noted that one of our members had written a letter to the editor in support of a political candidate. Bruce opened the floor for political endorsements for the trifling cost of \$1. Greg Anvick was the only member to accept this challenge, endorsing Elizabeth Fox Anvick for District 87 school board.
- Hank Campbell was happy that his son has had a couple of job interviews after a long period of unemployment.
- Jack Moody was happy that the Rotary District Governor-Elect had asked him to help round up news from B-N Rotary Clubs for the district newsletter.
- Art Drake, searching diligently for *something* nice to say about Iowa, noted that the state is home of the world’s largest wooden nickel. Art salutes Iowans for being leaders in the field of counterfeiting.

Speaker:

Our speaker was Mary Pille, who told us about the Junior Achievement organization. Junior Achievement works to inspire and prepare young people grades K-12 for the world economy. Volunteers share stories with the young people, and the organization has materials to share regarding financial literacy, work and career readiness and entrepreneurship.

In 2018-19, 90 McLean County Junior Achievement volunteers presented to students in 18 schools and organizations. Like everyone else, the organization has had to adjust to pandemic conditions, so presentations can be made virtually, or teachers can present the material to their students. Students can also follow online links to Junior Achievement materials.



One teaching instrument is the stock market challenge, where high school students invest fictional dollars in a stock portfolio and compete to see which portfolio performs best.

For more information, see the Junior Achievement website:
Centralillinois.ja.org

Thought for the Day

“Seek counsel, but do not base your decisions on the advice of those who will not have to deal with the consequences.”

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:

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

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

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