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### President's Welcome:

President Fred Hahn convened the April 7 meeting of the Normal Rotary Club via Zoom.

### This day in history:

- In 1827, English chemist John Walker produced the first wooden friction match. They were quickly banned in Germany and France because burning fragments would sometimes fall to the floor and start fires.
- In 1948, on this date, the World Health Organization is established by the United Nations. April 7<sup>th</sup> is celebrated internationally as World Health Day.
- In 1969, Advanced Research Projects Agency awarded a contract to build a precursor of today's world wide web to BBN Technologies. The architecture is based on a system of interconnected computer networks that uses the internet protocol suite, Transmission Control Protocol and the Internet Protocol or TCP/IP to communicate between networks and devices when it works.

### Announcements:

- Student Scholarship information was shared. The deadline for the Ag scholarship has been extended. Contact Andy Copenhaver if you wish to assist with selection of scholarships.

- Dayna shared information about the Women in Rotary speaker series that will take place the 2nd Tuesday of the month. All are welcome and it is free to attend. [See the schedule and register online.](#)
- Normal Rotary Club Board meetings occur monthly (typically the first week and immediately following the NRC club meeting). Members are welcome to attend.
- Surinder updated the club on a project we are currently undertaking.
- Drake Zimmerman was recognized for a recent award
- We need more help from club members to write the Spoke. Please volunteer to be a reporter. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044CAAAD2AA3FA7-thespoke>

**Literacy Report from Marcia Dennis:** Even though I am on a Leave of Absence at this time, I have been working on Literacy for our club. I have given 100 new adult books and 32 children's books (these books were given to each member by Past District Governor Julie Dobski at her visit to the club) to the STAR Literacy of McLean County. The children's books were given to children to read and the adult books were sold at the annual book sale to earn money for the STAR Literacy programs.

I also want to donate \$500.00 to the STAR Literacy program in memory of Heather. If other members would like to donate money, please write a check to the Normal Rotary Foundation and put a notation on the bottom of the check for Literacy. Mail these checks to the Normal Rotary Club, Box 333, Normal, IL 61761 by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Treasurer Ryan will then write a check out to STAR Literacy of McLean County and send it to me. I will deliver the check to the Director, Sheila Diaz.

Thanks from me to all of you,

Marcia Dennis

**Judge:** President Fred introduced our Judge Bruce Bergethon as a "radio personality, musician, bartender, mixologist and sommelier." Judge Bergethon was quick to say that he is not a mixologist. Bruce led the club in a fun trivia game in which we utilized screen sharing and breakout rooms. It was a great success! A call for happy fines allowed those who were happy to share.... (Again, we need reporters... please help).

**Program:** Club Business - President Fred Hahn shared the following updates with the club:

The NRC Board met on March 15th to discuss resuming meeting in person. We looked at locations that would meet the needs of our members, comply with the recommends put forward from nationally recognized medical officials, have the appropriate technology for hybrid meetings, be easily accessible and be affordable. Having looked at Bone Center, the Foundry, outdoor venues, and the Alumni Center, the Alumni Center appears at this time, to be our best option.

- Large enough meeting space to permit social distancing
- Technology already in place for remote and in-person meetings

- Free parking and a short walk to the facility
- Reasonable cost at \$180 per week without food

Conditions as recommended by Fred Hahn

- Start in-person meetings as early as May 15
- Hybrid format
- No meals
- Masks properly worn will be required
- Courteous social distancing- tables will be so arranged
- No contact greeting and socializing
- Above all, respect for all members. No shaming.

Opened the floor for comments. Positive discussion was had. Those in attendance agreed with what was presented although some hope to bring back meals as soon as possible.

**Thought for the day:**

“The expert in anything was once a beginner”

**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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