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President John E. Bishop convened the May 27, 2020, meeting of the Normal Rotary Club via Zoom

## This day in history:

- 1854 - Marine Telegraph from Fort Point to San Francisco completed.
- 1873 - Heinrich Schliemann discovers "Priam's Treasure" a cache of gold and other objects in Hisarlik (Troy) in Anatolia.
- 1907 - Bubonic Plague breaks out in San Francisco.
- 1916 - President Woodrow Wilson addresses the League to Enforce Peace, founded in 1915, and gives public support to the idea of a league of nations.
- 1930 - Richard Drew invented masking tape.
- 1930 - The 1,046-foot (319-meter) Chrysler Building, in New York City, the tallest man-made structure at the time, opened to the public. It was designed by architect William Van Alen.
- 1937 - Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco opens to pedestrians.
- 1958 - Ernest Green becomes the 1st African-American to graduate from Little Rock's Central High School.

## **Announcements:**

- Rural-Urban Night will be held June 3. Please reimburse Ray Ropp directly for the meal. Due to some liability concerns, invoicing will not happen through the club.
- Also on June 3, there will be a regular online meeting at noon with a presentation by Jay Tetzloff of the Bloomington Parks.
- After the June 3 meeting, the Rotary board will meet.
- President John noted that some of our members might want more training on Zoom, the online platform we've been using for our meetings. Check this link for ways to learn more about Zoom: <https://dacdb.com/Ezbulletin2/preview2.cfm?ezBulletinID=22234>
- Looking ahead to this year at the pinnacle of power and prestige, our future president Fred Hahn said he's working on goals for the club. He'll also have a list of committee assignments, probably in June. There will be some kind of installation ceremony for new officers and board members, he said.
- Secretary Jack Moody is working on a nomination for the presidential citation, and he is looking for information about what the club has done in the last 12 months. Drake Zimmerman and Surinder Sethi said the club has at least a couple of the achievements done already. Surinder said the club will be working on an international school project.

**Judge:** His Honor, Judge Bruce Bergethon, described himself as “technically judge.” Apparently, that was enough for him to ding all members of the club's judiciary who were not wearing pins for this online meeting. Otherwise, there were happy fines:

- Drake Zimmerman was happy about some progress on the malaria front. (see article below)
- Art Drake was happy that his wife was happy with the haircut she'd just given him.
- Connie Gentry was happy that so many of our members stretched their comfort zones to learn to attend our Zoom meetings.
- Linda Healy was happy that her home gives her the perfect vantage point to watch baby robins learning to fly.
- Hank Campbell was happy that the food drive at Oakdale Elementary was successful.
- Gene Jontry was happy to be a part of our Zoom meeting.
- Dayna Brown-Nielsen was happy that Unit 5 has served over 100,000 meals since the covid-19 crisis ballooned in March.

## **Program:**

The speaker was Deanna Frautschi, chair of the United Way's Covid-19 Advisory Task Force. Since the community went into covid-19 emergency mode, her group has been working to address needs that have arisen in the community since the lockdown began – filling gaps in the current safety net. The United Way knew that to make this effort effective, they would need to work with schools, social service agencies, churches, businesses and local governments to meet the needs in McLean County.

As of May 22, the United Way has participated in the distribution of 1,516 pounds of fresh produce, 1,150 food boxes and 62,365 meals. This is in addition to other food distribution efforts in the community.

Besides food, the covid-19 lockdown created a need for paper products, which were in short supply. The United Way found another avenue to meet that need and support the Wesley United Methodist Church monthly distribution of paper products. This service helped more than 400 families in May.

Now, the task force is working out how to address other needs caused by covid-19: insecurity about shelter, jobs, health care and child care. Deanna said she doesn't see the mountain of needs going away anytime soon.

For updates, you can look on the United Way website: [www.uwmclean.org](http://www.uwmclean.org). Also, the United Way has been hosting frequent Zoom town hall meetings to discuss these topics. Here's how you can tune in:

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Weekly:

[https://zoom.us/meeting/tJwofu2rpzMtHtBJqW72lIdq\\_tSRijz2JNs/ics?icsToken=98tyKuCgqzluGd2dtx2DRow-GYr4LOnxmFxagrd\\_thXUFHcBSyryJ91WAYB2GsKC](https://zoom.us/meeting/tJwofu2rpzMtHtBJqW72lIdq_tSRijz2JNs/ics?icsToken=98tyKuCgqzluGd2dtx2DRow-GYr4LOnxmFxagrd_thXUFHcBSyryJ91WAYB2GsKC)

### Next Week's program:

Join us again via Zoom on June 3:

Join Zoom Meeting ONLINE:	DIAL IN BY PHONE:
<a href="https://zoom.us/j/98313994561">https://zoom.us/j/98313994561</a>	1 312 626 6799
Meeting ID: 983 1399 4561	Meeting ID: 983 1399 4561



### ***Thought for Today:***

“You are not here merely to make a living. You are here in order to enable the world to live more amply, with greater vision, with a finer spirit of hope and achievement. You are here to enrich the world, and you impoverish yourself if you forget the errand.” --Woodrow Wilson



*Rotarian Drake Zimmerman, on right, helped found The Alliance for Malaria Prevention AMP to show how to incorporate treated mosquito nets into vaccination campaigns. Starting in 2002 with 14,600 nets funded by a Rotary Matching Grant, the effort grew to need its own organization, AMP. AMP has trained countries to distribute over 250 million nets every year.*

*Each year at the annual meeting in Geneva, Switzerland, AMP awards its Top Malaria Prize to a group that have made exceptional contributions to malaria control.*

*Rotarian Malaria Partners' Jim Moore, left and Rotarians Against Malaria -Global show off the 2020 award with Rotarian Zimmerman, right, member of both RMP and RAM-Global boards. Zimmerman co-founded RAM-Global and was thrilled Rotarians received the award for the unprecedented second time.*



*He explained, "Rotarians continue to pioneer interventions in malaria that prove extremely effective. Rotarian Malaria Partners trained and funded hundreds of Community Health Workers in Zambia and Uganda. They reduced rates of malaria to near zero. Nets can get rates down to 10-30%, but the question remained, What do we do now?" Rotarian Malaria Partners asked, "Could specially trained Community Health Workers work in communities to lower malaria rates to near zero, even in areas of higher transmission like Zambia?" RMP tried it, and it worked. "If we can get malaria near zero in Zambia, we have a strong shot at knocking malaria out period. This is a breakthrough we have been looking for."*

*The other breakthrough? "RAM Australia work showed us zero malaria is possible." Rotarians from Australia lowered cases in East Timor from 223,002 in 2006 to 9 cases in 2019, all imported. "That we know the specific and really low number of cases, and can determine that they were all imported, means that we are learning what systems to put into place. More importantly, the results show we can take malaria to zero." Drake notes that the "we" is never just Rotarians, but an organized group of players."*

*RAM Australia worked with WHO, the Ministry of Health and many others to set up systems to track malaria in Timor Leste. Surveillance is critical so we know when we get malaria to zero. Our next question: "Can we keep it there, at zero?" Malaria work is all about both innovations and getting the many players working together. Rotarians all over the world are figuring out award-winning strategies.*

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