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President's Welcome:

President Fred Hahn convened the Jan. 27, 2021 meeting of the Normal Rotary Club via Zoom. Hank Campbell offered the invocation.

Fred told us why Jan. 27 is such an important date in history:

- On this date in 1809, The Territory of Illinois [including Wisconsin, parts of Minnesota and Michigan] is recognized, leading to Incorporation on March 1st.
- On February 3, 1863, Samuel Clemens first uses the pen name "Mark Twain" in a Virginia City newspaper. Hal Holbrook, the man who portrayed Mark Twain for decades, died yesterday, February 2nd
- In 1887, to avoid disputed national elections, Congress creates the Electoral Count Act.
- The Congressional Press Gallery admits Percival Prattis, as the first African American member. Prattis was the City Editor of the Chicago Defender, the most influential African-American newspaper in the U.S. at the beginning of WWI
- 1956, four years after being turned away from University of Alabama, Autherine Juanita Lucy was admitted into the graduate school. Three days later, she was mobbed by students, pelted with eggs and driven by university officials to the Education Library Build where she sheltered in place. Denny Chimes distracted the mob, allowing Autherine to escape. The University Board of Trustees voted to remove her, claiming that it was for

her own protection. 32 years later, the University reversed her expulsion, Lucy was admitted into the Master's Degree program, the same year that her daughter started her studies. Both mother and daughter received their respective degrees on the same day.

- One this date in 1959, the music died when Buddy Holly, Richie Valens, J.P. Richardson and their pilot crashed near Clear Lake, Iowa

Announcements:

- Honoring Larry Dietz - a planning committee will meet February 15.
- Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) has their next training on February 13. Email Fred if you would like to attend. Rotarians' registration has usually been paid by the club.

Judge:

Judge Linda Healy was looking out her window into the sunshine. For the month's first meeting, she hosted a trivia challenge all about love, in honor of Valentine's Day. (This was also to serve as a reminder that the day is approaching!

1. The Greek god Eros became the Roman god Cupid. Who was his Greek mother and who was his Roman mother? (Answer: Aphrodite and Venus)
2. In Japan, what do women give men on Valentine's Day? (Answer: Chocolate)
3. What is a vinegar Valentine? (Answer: a parody or spoof of a Valentine)
4. Which Shakespeare play features Valentine and Proteus? (Answer: *Two Gentlemen of Verona*)
5. In which country do men carve love spoons out of wood as gifts for their special someone on Valentine's Day? (Answer: Wales – with a bit of banter about whether this counts as a country. Wales does, in fact, consider itself a country, not a principality.)

Happy fines:

- Miranda: in honor of her 14th wedding anniversary
- Hank: on being in line for a vaccination
- Ann: on daughter Hannah's achievement
- Dale: on gratitude for a friend who just received a heart transplant.

Speaker:

Program: Susann Marcum, RN and chair of nurses with Unit 5 schools

Marcum is a 1989 graduate of Illinois Wesleyan's nursing program. She began her career working in medical oncology at Brokaw Hospital (now the Carle BroMenn Medical Center), then worked with OB/Gyn Dr. Chow. When her kids were small, she decided that a career change might be useful, and she applied for a position to become a school nurse. She has since completed a Master's degree in Social and Emotional Learning, a current buzz term in education that refers to mental wellness. She has fallen in love with the work, and still loves it 20 years

later. Most of her work has been in elementary school nursing. As Chair of nurses for Unit 5, she now helps to develop policies and procedures.

School nursing tends to be a fairly unique role, as a mixture of public health nursing, pediatric nursing, and mental health nursing. Nurses screen students' records, ensuring that everyone is up to date on immunizations, test vision and hearing, and run what is basically a small open clinic within the school for ill or injured students. Today, nurses deal with a high number of mental health issues as well. Her favorite part of the work, however, is educating students, doing classroom visits with content about oral hygiene, general nutrition, or growth and development talks.



Nursing in the schools during COVID-19 is entirely different than what happens in a typical non-COVID year. Nurses now are responsible for assisting in the interpretation and implementation of CDC and IDPH guidelines, determining protocols for students who come in to the school with symptoms or who may be positive for COVID-19 or have been exposed. Nurses make the calls to parents when kids have symptoms and have to have the difficult conversations with families if the student – and likely the whole family – will need to isolate or quarantine. They are also responsible for tracking students who have been required to test or have symptoms. Most Unit 5 nurses have also signed up for the Medical Reserve Corps to give vaccines on weekends and evenings.

On the day that she presented, Marcum was preparing for Pre-K through 5th grade to return full-time, in-person the next day, and she was excited to have them back.

In the question and answer session that followed, Alan pointed out that Susann had excluded from her biography the fact that she was named the 2020 School Nurse of the Year by the Illinois Association of School Nurses.

Thought for the Day

“I have not failed. I’ve just found 10,000 ways that won’t work” - Thomas Alva Edison

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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