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President Fred Hahn convened the April 21, 2021 meeting of the Normal Rotary Club via Zoom. Bill Semlak gave the invocation.

Guests: None.

This day in history:

- Today is Administrative Professionals Day, first celebrated in 1952.
- On this date in 1918, World War I German pilot Baron Manfred von Richthofen, aka "the Red Baron" was shot down in France by Canadian pilot Arthur Roy Brown.
- If today is your birthday, you share honor with Catherine the Great, Charlotte Bronte, John Muir and Elizabeth II [95].
- In 1959, Alf Dean, using a rod and reel, caught a 2,664 lb., 16' 10" great white shark off the coast of Australia.

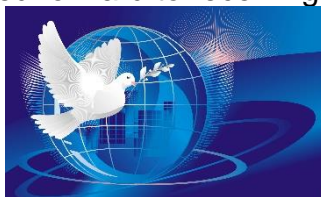
Announcements:

- Dayna Brown-Nielsen reported that Andy Copenhaver reported that the scholarship application form should be ready soon.
- District 6490 will present a webinar on Building Strong Intergenerational Relationships at 11 a.m. April 29.

Judge: The Most Honorable Judge David Taylor collected happy fines:

- President Fred was happy to see a Pantagraph article about Thomas Dyrek, the Normal West student who wrote a book "Central Illinois Train Depots." Thomas spoke at Rotary a few weeks ago.

- Drake Zimmerman happily looked forward to receiving the Grabill-Homan Peace Prize.



- He also was happy that the district governor has okayed support for the Community Health Worker Sponsor Fund. The goal is to raise \$100,000 to train health workers to fight malaria. Already, \$21,000 has been raised. You can donate by sending a check to:



Illinois Prairie Community Foundation
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 915 E. Washington #2
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- Nancy Steele Brokaw was happy to have Linda Bowman as our speaker on the topic of Promise Councils.
- Art Drake was happy to learn how to donate to the Community Health Worker Sponsor Fund.
- Alan Chapman was happy that next month's Tee It Up golf outing is sold out. There will be an online auction. Alan appreciates support that Tee It Up gets from Rotarians.
- Hank Campbell was happy about Mary's successful effort to have Drake Zimmerman receive the Grabill-Homan award.
- Bruce Bergethon was happy that Jim Rosenlund attended the meeting.
- Surinder Sethi announced that the Global Grant application is under review, and he thanked Norman Rotary officers for their help.

Program:



Our speaker was Linda Bowman, who discussed Promise Councils. Each Promise Council serves a specific school, working to meet specific needs of that school, its students or its staff to overcome any barrier to effective education. Promise Council is not part of a national organization, although it affiliated with a national movement.

Several schools in Bloomington-Normal work with Promise Councils. Normal Rotary members have been working with the Promise Council at Oakdale Elementary. In the past few months, new promise councils have been set up for several B-N schools, as well as for the Olympia School District.

Among other things, Promise Councils strive to provide caring adults to support the schools, provide mentoring and tutoring as well as workshops to engage parents. Promise Council members work to meet the needs of individual students

Local Promise Councils would welcome more participation from the community in the form of volunteers or funding. For more information, check their website: www.promisecouncil.org



Thought for Today:

From Leonardo da Vinci:
 “Knowing is not enough; we must apply. Being willing is not enough; we must do.”
 --Leonardo da Vinci

Or, as Yoda says, “Do or do not, there is no try.”

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