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President Fred Hahn convened the May 5, 2021 meeting of the Normal Rotary Club via Zoom. President Fred joined us today from Winston-Salem, North Carolina, where he was visiting family.

North Carolina facts, substituting in for our usual "This Day in History."

- Babe Ruth hit his first home run in Fayetteville on March 7th, 1914.
- Whitewater Falls, located in Transylvania County, is the highest waterfall in eastern United States.
- At 6,684 ft, Mt. Mitchell is the highest peak east of the Mississippi.
- At 480 ft, Fontana Dam Appalachian Trail, is the tallest dam east of the Rockies.
- Opening in the year 1795, the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill is the oldest state university in the country.
- Grandfather Mountain is the only private park in the world to be designated by the U.N. as an International Biosphere Reserve.
- Virginia Dare was the first English child born on American soil in the New World English Colony [Roanoke Colony] on August 18, 1587.

Announcements:

- Our intrepid Secretary, Jack Moody, was assisting his daughter as she took the scary step of purchasing her first house.
- Those of you who know Larry Dietz, please send your congratulations and reminisces for inclusion into a bound gift book. You can send an email copy to Julie Dobski. Gordon clarified that this needs to be done by May 10.
- Art reported that the Interact Club has donated \$1000 to St Jude Children's Hospital from their various fundraisers.

- Oktoberfest planning update was shared by Ron. They are ready to get underway.
- Student scholarship interviews were underway.

Judge: Larissa conducted trivia based on the month of May. While this was great fun, you'll see that we didn't too well on the trivia this month!

The early Roman calendar had May as the ____ month of the year.

Barb's answer: the first.

Correct answer: the third.

According to many sources, May was named after which Roman goddess?

Bill's answer: Mary.

Correct answer: Maya, Roman goddess of growth.

The Empire State Building first opened on May 1 of what year?

Surinder's answer: not sure.

Correct answer: 1931 (answered by Greg!)

What is the birthstone for May?

Rob's answer: Turquoise.

Correct answer: Emerald.

What is the birth flower for May?

Linda's answer: Maybe a tulip?

Correct answer: Lily of the Valley

Minnesota was admitted to the union on May 11 of what year?

Becky's answer: 1870.

Correct answer: 1858

Mother's Day is celebrated each year on the ____ Sunday of May.

Ron: The second Sunday. Correct!

The most famous horse race takes place on the first Saturday of May in each year.

Rod: Kentucky Derby, correct!

Although it's not celebrated in the U.S. or Canada, May 1st is one of the most celebrated holidays in the world. What is the holiday called?

Correct answer: May Day, or International Workers Day.

If you were born at the beginning of the month, your star sign is the Taurus. What is your star sign if born at the end of the month?

Drake's answer: Aries

Correct answer: Gemini

Happy fines:

- Larissa's family enjoyed having a family night over the weekend, watching the Gamma Phi Circus from home.
- Drake offered two happy fines for presentations done at the previous weekend's District Assembly.
- Fred said that he was there with grandchildren who loved the attention that Poppy gave them. That should be at least \$2.

Program:

No speaker today. The program consisted of club items that they would like to discuss.

Hybrid meetings:

- For in-person meetings, we will not be providing food initially. Be aware that if you bring food yourself, you'll need to remove masks. In President Fred's opinion, we should probably eat before or after the meeting.
- We will not be singing, based on CDC guidelines. We will recite the Pledge of Allegiance and perhaps recite the Four-Way Test.
- The Alumni Center will set tables and chairs out in an appropriate way for social distancing.
- Be aware that distancing should still be maintained when greeting each other.
- Surinder shared that his global grant is almost approved. The final thing to do is to open an account for the project, and the host committee is working on that. Our contact in the host committee is sick with COVID, and that has slowed things down a bit.

Surinder also pointed out that the situation in India is miserable right now. They have run out of oxygen in many districts. Many clubs have assisted with purchases of oxygen concentrators, but they have run out of those machines and are asking for help. Because of restrictions from the Indian government, it has to be in their own currency. Art suggested bringing this need to the Normal Rotary Foundation.

Drake provided updates regarding the malaria eradication project. The district will be raising \$100,000 for sponsoring and equipping community health workers. These are volunteers who work for two years, roughly 20 hours per week. We are already at \$23,000 raised. Hank is planning to ask the club to be the lead club in the district. This means that we would raise at least \$10,000 and challenge other clubs to raise \$5,000. Half of our club contribution has already been raised. More information: meetings.drakezim@gmail.com / www.RAM-Global.org. Donations can be sent to IPCF 915 E Washington Suite 2, Bloomington, IL 61701 - Attention: RAM-Global CHW.

Fred reported that the board is taking a look at committees and going back a bit over a year to previous committee structure. We need to restart committees, with strong leadership and supportive members, and update the board on progress monthly.



Thought for Today:

From author Ashleigh Brilliant:

“My life has a superb cast but I can not figure out the plot”

“My opinions may have changed, but not the fact that I am right”



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