



FRIDAY, March 15, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Rachel at 12:15.

The Pledge was led by John S joined by veterans Vince and Allen. The 4 Way Pact was led by Nancy R and the Invocation was provided by Jack L.

Our visitors

Allen introduced Theresa, Mike E introduced Mitch and Rachel introduced her intern, Emily again.

Announcements

- ☞ Eileen announced that the spring clean up at the Butterfly Garden would be on April 13 and then the second Saturday of every month thereafter. It is a fun fellowship as well as a great service opportunity
- ☞ Don informed us that the Applied Technical (aka Vocational) Scholarship interviews went really well and thank Holly and Vince for their participation. The Award Ceremony will be at HEHS on April 16 at 10:45 am. If you are interested in going to this rewarding event contact Don so that appropriate arrangements can be made.
- ☞ Roger asked us to “save the date” of June 27, 2024 for the Installation Dinner...details to follow.
- ☞ Gayle shared that there will be a wrap up Classic 2024 meeting next Friday, March 22, immediately following the club meeting at Chandlers.
- ☞ Gene and Linda reminded us of the upcoming social events and gave us a sneak preview of additional participants in the performance that we will all know...hope to see you there!
- ☞ Wendy updated us on community service, including the opportunity to deliver Meals on Wheels on Friday mornings, Feed My Starving Children on April 3 (sign up online) and our spring roadside clean up scheduled for April 27.
- ☞ Jack Fab, filling in for Jim Fab, as the “bill collector” for the NCAA pool. Matches will be out on Monday.
- ☞ Jim M presented a PHF + 4 pin to Don M. Congratulations Don!
- ☞ Rachel announced that we would not be meeting on Good Friday, March 29 and after a near-unanimous vote, it was agreed that we would not meet on the Friday before Memorial Day, May 24.

Happy \$\$\$s

\$ Diane was just plain happy

\$ Holly was three times happy: the wonderful Classic, Emily being her housemate for now and something about a guy from Scotland...

\$ Mike E was happy that Mitch was at the meeting

\$ Wendy was happy (and proud) about the shout-out for her daughters' soccer accomplishments

\$ Ed was sorry to have missed the Classic, but was happy about his vacation that took him away

\$ Randy was happy to be heading to Orlando for business AND some golf

\$ Mitch was happy to be at the club

\$ Allen was happy because Theresa was at his table and doing a good job of pretending to like him, or something along those lines

\$ Gene was happy for all the usual reasons, his daughter's theatre accomplishments and for picking on Allen

\$ Rachel was happy because once again Emily saved the day

Queen of Hearts Raffle: Nancy was the lucky person the wheel picked, but that was all the luck she had. Number 18 DID NOT hide the queen.

Fun and Frolic: Our ever-faithful fine master Allen helped the club budget along by fining

- Rachel for not wearing her tiara
- Anyone without his/her pin or badge
- Anyone at a table with no guest
- Linda for not introducing Mary as a guest (in Linda's defense, Mary is about to be pinned as a new member)
- Anyone not wearing green

And then he took a page out of Jeff's Finemaster book and gave us a quiz about St. Patrick's Day. We learned that

 The world's smallest St. Pat's Day celebration is in Enterprise, Arkansas (not Climax MI or Macon GA)

 There is only 1 person selected by the town to celebrate each year (not 5 or 10)

 The shortest St. Pat's Day parade is on Bridge Street in Hot Springs, Arkansas (not Atlanta GA or Detroit, MI)

 It takes 40 pounds of green vegetable dye to turn the Chicago River green (not 30 or 50)

 The first record of a St. Patrick's Day celebration was in neither NYC nor Dublin, but rather in St. Augustine, FL in 1601!

 Blue was the color originally associated with St. Pat's Day (not green or red)

 And finally, the trick question: Which Pope canonized St. Patrick? Was it Anastasia I, Leo I or Felix III? Answer: none of the above. He was never canonized.

And last but not least, how many times did Jeff shout out China for a \$10 fine???

Our program

Rachel shared information about the SLSF Golf Outing at Bridges of Poplar Creak on June 26, 2024. Last year our club agreed to partner with SLSF in this project. We will receive 30% of the proceeds from this outing. In return, we will be supporting the planning and running of the outing.

Rachel called for volunteers for the planning committee (first meeting on April 8 at 4 pm at Bridges) and for support on the day of the event either as golfers or workers. It would be great if ALL our golfing members were to be playing the course that day. We are also asked to invite friends, family, neighbors, business colleagues – anyone we know – to sign up and be a part of this day of golfing. It promises to be a fun time for all.

We will be hearing more about this over the next weeks and months.

George led us in the 4 Way Test