

!!!BUZZ!!!

October 9, 2020

Pres Elect Tom rang the bell for our Friday meeting on this Vacation (it's NOT a) Raffle Friday meeting. And those Rotarians physically present rose to recite the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-Way Pact and heard an invocation led by Jack L. After that, we welcomed guests including the Hon. Tom Dailly (President, Village of Schaumburg), Holly's friend Eileen Grammas, Mary Jo's friend Sharri, and then

.... We heard good News, including 1) the Astronaut who chose to attend his daughter's wedding instead of going into orbit and then working in the Int'l Space Station; and 2) a BABY PANDA (awwwwww so cute); and 3) the Bears beat Tampa Bay last night and are 4 and 1 !!!!!

THE VACATION "IT'S NOT A" RAFFLE

Holly F. informed us that we had met our stretch goal of \$25K as we came in at \$25,300!!! Gayle V (after thanking Holly) acknowledged top ticket sellers Nancy R at 232 tickets, Allen G (68 tics, all of which were sold through Better Unite), then Holly F (55 tics) Roger S (47 tics), someone whose name I missed (45), Jean S (42 tics), then Chris E (who sold a lot of tics but I didn't hear the exact number). Way to go you top sellers!!! You Rock!

Gayle noted we sold more than 200 tics through Better Unite, which is a great way to do this.

Then came the drawing (by Hon. Tom Dailly):

3rd Prize - Rotarian Rebecca M

2nd Prize - Rotarian Royal H

1st Prize - Jerry Watkins (a gigantic benefactor – bought 125 tickets – a wonderful man and friend of Nancy R.)

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Ah yes – so many happy Rotarians.

Wes C, from Bedford PA, was happy to have Tom lead the meeting; and was happy to be where he was.

Mary S (I think it was Mary but I couldn't quite make her out on the screen as I was sitting far from the screen and it was sunny in the 1st floor room at Chandler's) was \$10 happy to participate in the meeting for the first time online;

Bill K was \$20 happy about the event this morning at the Butterfly Garden, and Mr. Dailly's presence with us today, and because one of his Daughter's professors just won the Nobel prize in physics.

Bob K was happy to have a brand new "female" baby Granddaughter (and yes the finemaster made furious notes when he heard that!)

Eileen H was happy about today's ceremony at the Butterfly Garden -- a poignant and beautiful ceremony which we are all proud of.

Announcements

A representative of the Schaumburg AM club announced their virtual fundraiser - \$25/person, \$200 for a team of 8, through "Trivia Hub" to be held on October 24. Mary Jo also encouraged us to get people to participate wherever they are.

Tom G answered questions about the invoice we all received concerning FOF charges. Also, you can pay your Club bill on Square (there is a link on the email we all received from Bill Matthews).

Dom R. is in Huntley, and could use a call.

Tom had no new Bonnie updates but said that he thought she was doing better.

Tom will be meeting with the Queen of Hearts Raffle people to try to get that up and running.

Finemastering

As the light dimmed and the air became suddenly chill (perhaps foreshadowing a foreboding Halloween) we heard the disembodied and virtual voice and image of Finemaster Jeff M who, quite good-naturedly, remotely fined:

Hon. Tom Dailly, because Schaumburg has a French Fry Tax,

Lauren C, for looking beautiful,

Holly F for wearing a fancy jacket,

Brian T for being with the VOS,

Ted G, for his excellent ranting on Facebook,

Bob K (we all saw this one coming) for describing his new granddaughter as a "new female" 😊

And then Finemaster Jeff led us all in a fun quiz about Schaumburg in which we all learned (accompanied by our diminishing levels of petty cash) that:

The Shawnee was the only one of the five native American tribes (read by Jeff) that was not indigenous to Schaumburg;

The median age in the VOS is: 38;

55% of the residents are married;

The median family income is \$92,000; and

The median home value is \$247,000.

Finally, Jeff asked us to guess whether Vince S would know the % of Italian Americans who live in Schaumburg (it was 10%, and we're not sure what Vince said because we were sitting far behind him and everyone was very noisy when the answer was read – but we're sure Vince got it right!!) Maybe.

At which point, the light returned and the chill departed and the fining sputtered to a close.

Thank you Jeff for an entertaining, if costly, frolic!

Program

Pres. Elect Tom was today's program, which was a program on a program that Tom developed to help people develop their Brand. The Brand System involves a way for each of us to come to a personal understanding of who we are by a process of self-examination which includes the following steps, and a way to build our vocational life around that realization.

Inventory your talents – things you are really good at that you never needed to get training. What knowledge did you learn at school or otherwise. What general characteristics do you have? What do you value? What value do you provide to others? Consider things that challenge your goals; consider why you do the things that you do. Network wide (i.e., Chamber of Commerce) and deep (fewer people, who you do important work with).

His vocation is "business strategist" and now we know what he does – which is to guide people to examine themselves, take stock, and go forth doing the things which are meaningful to them.

Thanks Tom.

And with that, Pres. Elect Tom rang the virtual bell on another fine virtual meeting of the Friendly Club! See you next week!