

THE ROTARY CLUB OF SCHAUMBURG/HOFFMANN ESTATES



Meeting on May 5, 2022

Pres. Tom began our gathering with an observation that his REIGN OF TERROR (his presidential year) was growing ever shorter in duration (as most Presidents do around this time of year) but then he got down to the task of starting the meeting by finding Rotarians to lead us in the Pledge, the 4-Way Pact and of course Jack L did an invocation. We recognized special guests Alan, Ryan and Sondra Kuro (some of which work for RI), Chrystal M who is about to become a member in our Club, Julius Mukiibi, who is President Elect of his Rotary Club in Bukaua, Uganda, and last but not least, our speaker for the day online from Kansas, Mr. Cam F. Awesome, who as we relate below, put on an awesome program.

Announcements

We were reminded about the Bowling fellowship event to be held later on May 20th, and on some new materials posted by the Club Foundation about the amazing things that can be done with a \$1,000 contribution. Also, be sure to notify Pat G if you and your Rotary mates do something awesome through the Club or the activities of its Foundation.

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Happiness took a little time to ramp up, but eventually, large numbers of our Membership realized that they actually did have things to be happy about, including:

Linda D, whose 21 year old son now has a driver's license and whose eldest son is a) engaged; and b) is a party to a contract to buy a house!

Tom G was happy that he recovered from an illness and he was also happy, as always, to have his boys home from school.

Pat G was happy in advance for how she would feel after her work for the District Conference was done.

Steve L was really happy (\$100) because he was moving a daughter and for the Vets.

Gene W was happy because of his daughter's continued success (noting an appearance in Star Trek) and his confusion over whether he saw Henry Winkler or Allen Gabe coming out of the Lingerie Store on Roselle Road with two bags of "merchandise" (and *don't* tell me you don't know what store your Buzzer is talkin' bout!!).

Paul N was happy because he was going to see his Mom for the first time in years.

Bill K was happy to have such Awesome guests at his table, and he was happy to part of the awesome trajectory of Rotary here and throughout the world.

And that was about it so far as Happiness was concerned.

Queen of Hearts

Gene W's name got digitally selected and bless his heart, he picked #26 which turned out to be the Queen of Spades – earning a payout of 10% of the Pot. Way to go Gene!

Finemastering

Then the lights flickered, and for a moment, we felt the air go icy as Finemaster Darth Allen prepared us to assume the position of finees in the “for the kids” activity of Finemastering, and he systematically went about his job, fining:

The Pinless, The Badgeless, the Time Challenged and the otherwise Clueless,

Anyone who doesn't understand Crypto (which was most of us),

Anyone who had traded Crypto,

Anyone who wasn't wearing a Rotary shirt,

Everyone who was wearing a shirt with their company's logo on it,

Gene W (which was inevitable),

Anyone not going to the fellowship event later today,

Linda D, for all of the things going on with her “kids”

Anyone at a table that didn't have a guest, and

Anyone who still had a red badge.

And with that, mercifully, the fining came to a close.

Program

As we noted above, our program by Cam Awesome was exceptional. Cam traveled the world as a champion boxer on the US Boxing Team. He seems to have been everywhere and he found that cultures vary across the globe. You might be interested to know that a thumbs' up gesture is a horrendous sexual insult in many parts of the Mideast. Or that tipping someone in Azerbaijan is a grave insult to the recipient man's social status and livelihood. Who would have thought? Cam also pointed out the difference between intention versus impact of various casual remarks even in the good old USA.

This program is worth the 20 minutes. I might replay it myself. It's easy. Go to Clubrunner. On the top center of the first page you will find a link to the Youtube of Friday's meeting. No login is required. You won't regret it.

And with that, your Buzz is now complete! See you next week!