



FRIDAY, JUNE 18, 2021 ~ IN-PERSON/VIRTUAL CLUB MEETING

GUESTS

Ted Gross was accompanied by his two good-looking sons. Nanette Sowa and Rachel Hubsch were pleased to introduce Cathy Splett of Special Leisure Services Foundation.

GOOD NEWS

- 1) Harper College received an \$18 million gift, the largest in the college's 54-year history, from philanthropist, activist and author MacKenzie Scott.
- 2) Waffle House employees banded together to help co-worker Timothy Harrison attend his graduation. *Thanks to Holly Fath for referring this Good News.*
- 3) Massachusetts store owner returned a \$1 million lottery ticket to a customer who had thrown it away.

HAPPY DOLLARS

Lots of Happy Dollars were paid in tribute of President Wes Crocket for his great success in leading and holding the club together during this pandemic year...Nancy R., Ted G., Holly F., Julie C., Darrell M., Bob F.

Ted Gross was happy to have his sons join him for lunch and for his success in reaching his target weight goal, losing 175 pounds.

Holly Fath was glad to have Ted back.

Cathy Splett, SLSF, one of today's speakers, was happy to be with us and thanked the club for the grant SLSF received the previous week.

Glenn Szurgot celebrated his 75th birthday.

Julie Clark announced that she and her husband have bought a house and will be moving to Spring Lake, Michigan, but probably not for about another year.

Rosemary Justen expressed a renewed appreciation for Freedoms – the freedom to travel (she and Pete spent the previous 2 weeks in CA), freedom to gather with family (she planned and facilitated a recent family reunion), freedom to meet again with Rotary friends, and freedom to not wear a mask!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holly Fath reminded everyone to sell vacation drawing tickets. Give your friends, family and neighbors the opportunity to do good and reap the endorphins and philanthropic buzz that comes from giving.

Mike Turgeon encouraged everyone to attend the Elk Grove RotaryFest.

Tom Gosche announced that there will be NO MEETING on June 25 (day after the Installation Dinner) and July 2 (Independence Day weekend). Our next meeting is July 9. As of that date, meetings will continue to be offered virtually – via YouTube streaming – NOT WEBEX. Viewing a meeting either live or after the fact WILL NOT COUNT TOWARD YOUR PERFECT ATTENDANCE. Tom encouraged everyone to subscribe our club's YouTube account – even sign up your spouse or anyone else who may be interested.

QUEEN OF DIAMONDS

The spin landed on Bill Landwer's name. Since Bill was not present, the card behind the lowest remaining number (#6) was revealed – 3 of Clubs. Sorry, Bill. Pot rolls over.



FINE MASTER ~ George Panapolous



Late – no pin – no badge. No sold vacation drawing tickets.
Anyone not signed up to attend the Installation Dinner.

George's Father's Day Quiz – George asked several members what they'd like to receive for Father's Day. Guess their responses.

Ted G. – Lou Malnati's, another Cub's title...oh wait, Ted was fined for not responding!

Steve L. – custom wardrobe; monster truck; grooming tools; **cigars**.

Brian Berg – **lunch with mom & dad**; lunch with Rotarians; new phone for selfies.

Tom G. – new grill, **new pillows**, see American Idol live, Wes to be President for a second term.

Mike E. – to be RI President; new socks; golf; **time with children/grandkids**.

George ended by expressing warm thanks to Wes Crocket for a great year.

PROGRAM ~ Rachel Hubsch (Northwest Special Recreation Association) & Cathy Splett

(Special Leisure Services Foundation)



NWSRA

Started in 1974 by visionary Kevin Kendrigan, NWSRA partners with local park districts to bring quality recreational programs to children and adults with disabilities and has grown from its initial 9 park districts to 17. NWSRA partners with community groups such as SIBS (Support Illinois Brothers & Sisters) and Chicago District Golf Association. NWSRA has 24 vehicles (one purchased by our club and still in service). They plan and deliver:

- General therapeutic recreational programs
- One-on-one activities and programs to engage participants during the pandemic
- Lightning Athletics, including paraolympics
- 135 Special Events such as social clubs, general programs, and trips
- 542 Inclusion Services & Training
- Community Impact – 5290 individuals served
- Pursuit for individuals with disabilities 21 years and older through Recreation & Leisure, Skills & Self Advocacy, Community Integration, and Health & Wellness. 156 clients served and 100+ on the interest/waiting list.
- Star (Students in Therapeutic Afterschool Recreation) Academy – educational, social and recreational activities after care for individuals with disabilities
- Healthy Minds & Bodies programs
- SNOEZELEN Sensory Room
- Community Sensory Garden
- Dream Lab – next level technology adaptive equipment

SLSF

Fundraising initiatives include

- a standard gold outing (If interested in participating in this event, contact Wes Crocket who is putting together one or two foursomes).
- a women's golf outing with volunteer male caddies.
- a fashion show with participants serving as models
- a gala



SLSF supports:

- Scholarships – usually 80-90/year; expected to be 100+ this year.
- Athletics – monetary assistance for clients qualified to compete in state competitions
- Program Support
- Adaptive Equipment
- Volunteers