

## Rotary Club of Schaumburg-Hoffman Estates, Illinois



# THE BUZZ

March 5, 2021

**CLASSIC 2021 - SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 2021 - 5:30 - 7:00 PM**

**TICKET SALES CLOSE AT NOON ON MARCH 13 - BUY YOUR TICKETS ONLINE NOW**

**[www.scherotary.org](http://www.scherotary.org) - click on the Classic logo**

### **GUESTS**

**Courtney McGovern**, Guatemala Zone 3 Garbage Dump, our program presenter.

**Paul Sowa**, Nanette's husband.

### **GOOD NEWS OF THE WEEK**

- 1) Biological sisters separated by adoption find each other by chance working at a restaurant.
- 2) MN and SD snow plows are given creative names; i.e. Darth Blader, F. Salt Fitzgerald
- 3) Great apes at San Diego Zoo became the first non-humans to receive COVID-19 vaccine.

### **HAPPY DOLLARS**

**Bill Kelley** received Daily Herald's endorsement for retaining his seat on the Harper College Board.

**Gayle Vandenberg** was happy to be in attendance, visiting from sunny FL.

**Nanette Sowa** was happy to have hubby Paul with her and for all the Silent Auction items turned in.

**Holly Fath** and **Bill Landwer** were happy (sorry, remote stream had interference).

**Julie Clark** is inspired by the efforts made by club members to make this year's Classic a success.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 1) **Maral Sosi Abrahamian** received her Rotary Badge.
- 2) **Wes Crocket** received a Hoffman Estates **Great Citizen Award** on behalf of our club on March 1 and was cited as the largest reason Shop with a Cop was able to move forward in 2020.
- 3) **Julie Clark, Classic Co-Chair**, announced that ticket sales are going great and will **close at noon on Saturday, March 13**. She encouraged everyone to pre-register for the event. Most of the Classic program is pre-recorded, but the grand prize drawing will be conducted LIVE toward the end of the program. Pre-event begins at 5:30 PM and the program begins at 6:00 PM. The **Silent Auction** will close at 7:30PM. Everyone who bought a Classic Grand Prize Drawing ticket or a Virtual Event ticket will receive the link to the Classic.

Julie recognized Tom Gosche for his extraordinary efforts to create an exciting event program. Tom played a short "commercial" for the Classic.

Julie is blown away by the awesome sales of **Nancy Redmon** - 116 as of last Friday's meeting (current count as of 3/8 is 122!!). Other Top Sellers are Loren Trimble (41), Allen Gabe (21), Barry Christian (19), Rosemary Justen (15).

Total sales as of 3/5 - 430 sold and 86 sponsor tickets.

4) **George Panopoulos** announced Sponsors:

Presenting Sponsor - Aarete LLC / LAJCK Foundation - Anne & Loren Trimble

Gold Sponsors - Aqueity - Dan Dunn and AFSG Consulting - Shawn Parker

Silver Sponsors - Montgomery & Eaton Dental - Rebecca Montgomery; BMO Harris - John Raske; The Canning Foundation - Rita & John Canning

Bronze Sponsors - Berg Engineering - Brian Berg; The Panopoulos Group - George Panopoulos; Kelley, Kelley & Kelley - Bill Kelley; Harper College - Amie Granger; AMITA Health - Debbie Schmidt; Allen Gabe Law - Allen Gabe; Julie & John Clark; Mahogany Builders - Wes Crocket.

Friends of Rotary Sponsors - Lamp Inc. - Steve Lamp; Barry & Marilyn Christian; Bill & Joane McLeod; Dopke Law - Bruce Dopke; Heritage Bank of Schaumburg - Ed Madden; The Royal Family - Royal Hartwig; Lexitas - Rhonda Jensen; Michael Olach; Tom & Marge Wienckowski; G & J Accounting - Gary Anderson; Edward Jones - Roger Smith; National Philanthropic Trust - The Stephen W & Carolyn Barrett Charitable Fund - Holly Fath.

5) **Tom Gosche** announced that District 211 Career Advisors at Conant, Hoffman Estates, and Schaumburg High Schools can help find your part-time or entry-level workers or interns.

6) **Jim Fabbrini** (through Tom Gosche) has a few spots left on the NCAA pool. Call Jim if you want to get in on the action.

6) **Holly Fath** placed the order for Spirit Wear.

7) **Classic Silent Auction** - there are three kinds of auction items; a) donated items; b) consignment items; c) Buy It Now - a lovely Rotary blanket - orders will be taken; no limit.

## **QUEEN OF DIAMONDS RAFFLE**

199 names were in the pot of ~\$500. Barry Christian's name was selected, he chose #24 that was the 2 of Hearts. Better luck next time, Barry.

## **FINE MASTER - George Panopoulos**

Fines were levied on:

No pin; late; no Rotary attire; no contact with a fellow Rotarian.

Anyone who had:

- not had a Shamrock Shake yet;
- eaten meat for lunch;
- sold less than 100 Classic tickets;
- donated a Bears silent auction item who is a Green Bay Packers fan;
- recently married and sells real estate;
- not carried the most recent issue of Rotary magazine to lunch;
- never been to Guatemala.
- All who are saving corned beef until St. Patrick's Day;
- If you were told by your doctor to drink more fluids and went home and made Margheritas;
- If you haven't had a COVID vaccine;
- Anyone who knows everything about all our club's Rotarians.

## **PROGRAM - Guatemala Zone 3 Garbage Dump - Courtney McGovern**

Courtney McGovern showed a video entitled BUILDING HOMES for residents of the Guatemala Zone 3 Garbage Dump. The video was made by residents of the dump.

Families that live in the dump spend 8-10 hours a day searching through garbage that is brought in from throughout Guatemala. They look for bulk items to recycle that they sell and earn approximately \$5-7 per day per family. This dump site began 50-70 years ago and residents are now 4th generation inhabitants.

The nonprofit organization called HOPE'S IN ~ Bringing Hope to Families in Guatemala - began ten years ago by a couple of high school students. It now has 475 volunteers who have built 43 homes at the site, provided 12 weeks of medical clinics, and staffed a school for children with special needs 365 days a year.

To raise funds, the organization holds an annual fashion show called "Hope's In Style." This year's date is April 17, the theme is "masquerade" (create a fun eye mask), and will be live streamed. It costs approximately \$7500 to build each home. At the first Hope's In Style Fashion Show, \$15,000 was raised. During the pandemic, \$17,000 was raised for Guatemala lead medical initiatives and 195,840 meals were provided to families in crisis.

Another passion of HOPE'S IN is developing Humanitarian Leaders. Things that matter to today's young people include current events, building their future, and developing the tools they need to make the world a better place. HOPE'S IN creates an inclusive service community.

Thank you, Bob, for bringing this interesting program to our club meeting.

And with that, President Wes closed our meeting and reminded us that ***Rotary Opens Opportunities.***

Submitted by Rosemary Justen