



FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 2026 ~ CLUB MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President-Elect Gary Anderson at 12:15.

The Pledge was led by Jeff Stoner.

The Four Way Pact was led by Jim Townsend.

The Invocation was given by Jack Lucas.

GUESTS

There were no guests or visiting Rotarians at the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mike announced that the next District 6440 New Member Orientation Meeting will be held on Friday, September 11th from 12:00 – 3:00 p.m. at Rotary International HQ in Evanston. It is open both to new members and other members who have never attended the orientation. Mike is organizing a car pool leaving at 10:00 a.m. (he will drive) that will include taking a tour at HQ at 11:00 a.m. Register under Upcoming Events at <https://rotary6440.org>
- Linda announced the September Fellowship gathering: Hoffman Estates' Platzkonzert Germanfest at the Hideaway Brew Garden & Bar. The date is Friday, September 11th starting at 5:30 p.m.
- Pat mentioned that there is still room for more Rotarians at next Wednesday's (August 26th) Fireside Chat. Only 12 members have signed up so far.
- Jeff announced the date of the year's final Roadside Clean-up – Saturday, October 24th. Details to follow.

HAPPY DOLLARS

\$ Linda was \$2 happy – her youngest son got engaged!

\$ Mike was \$1 happy that he went to Lake Geneva for his wife's recent birthday, and that a Good Samaritan helped him understand how to pay for local parking.

\$ Allen was \$5 happy to announce that Bill Kelley had finished "judge school" and took the bench this morning. He's downtown at the Daley Center Traffic Court, where new judges typically start.

\$ Vince was happy to have attended a family vacation in Michigan.

\$ Brian was \$10 happy to note the 10th anniversary of his joining the Club.

\$ Gary was \$5 happy to have attended the Foo Fighters concert with Wes. Wes was deemed to be a "cool guy to hang with".

FUN & FROLIC

Fine master Allen Gabe went to work. Fines were \$2 unless otherwise indicated. Fines were earned by:

- Anyone not wearing their Rotary pin.
- Anyone not wearing their Rotary badge.
- Anyone wearing a company logo
- Anyone with no women at their table.
- Anyone not signed up for next Wednesday's Fireside Chat.
- Amber was fined \$5 for her phone going off during last week's meeting.
- Gary was fined for not specifying which Jim (Townsend or McCulla) was to lead the 4-Way Pact.
- Jim T. was fined for fumbling the 4-Way Pact.
- Anyone guessing wrong on the question of whether there is a limit on the number of Vacation Drawing tickets to be sold (there is a limit).
- Anyone guessing wrong on what that limit is (it is 2,200).
- George was fined \$5 for blurting out an answer.
- Fine collector Vince was fined for interrupting the Fine Master, when he announced that Chris had handed him a \$100 bill.

Allen drew some raspberries for dissing the University of Iowa. No fine was self-imposed.

PROGRAM

Ted was not at the meeting, so the discussion of the 2026-27 budget will take place next week.

Allen and Anita stepped in and gave the club an update on the 2027 Classic, "License to Give", to be held on March 13, 2027.

- Things are proceeding well with the Chez Hotal and with Sarah Rodriguez.
- There will be a seat limitation for the event.
- "Save the Date" cards have been created and were distributed to the members present.
- Look out for a possible announcement on sponsorships. George P. will be leading this effort.
- Rachel will be in charge of the silent auctions.
- Members are asked to consider what organization would be a good choice to give a short presentation at the Classic. Last year a Fishing Well scholarship recipient spoke.
- Go to the Classic website www.rotaryclassic.org. Watch the video if you haven't seen it!
- There will be a new platform for tickets and sponsorships. Sales will kick off after the Vacation Drawing is concluded.
- Tickets for the drawing will be \$100; the meal will be \$150.
- The Classic will be a dressy affair – black-tie optional.

The 4 Way Test was led by Jim McCulla, and Gary adjourned the meeting at 1:26.