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## FRIDAY, March 19, 2021 ~ IN PERSON/VIRTUAL CLUB MEETING

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An opening note from your Buzz reporter for this week: I was so excited about actually being at the meeting in person that I completely forgot to take notes for this newsletter. It wasn't until last evening while sitting by the fireside with my husband and an adult beverage that my omission hit me. As I reflected on how much I had enjoyed being back at a real live meeting, I recalled my blown commitment and uttered a few expletives and some Anglo-Saxon epithets. Some might attribute this forgetfulness to old age. I prefer to think of it as youthful disregard of responsibility. I will leave it to you to decide which it is. Following is my best effort, with help from some of my Rotary friends, at summarizing a really great and fun-filled meeting.

The 35<sup>th</sup> meeting of this Rotary year was called to order by President Wes Crocket precisely at 12:15. .

The Pledge was led by Peter J.

The 4 Way Pact was led by Jim M.

The Invocation provides by Jack L

We had two visitors, Peter Justen and our AG Michael Musson

### **Good News Stories Shared by Wes:**

- Grandma gets prescription to hug granddaughter after receiving 2<sup>nd</sup> COVID vaccine
- Cellist Yoyo Ma Played a private show for those waiting in line to receive vaccine in NYC
- A video showing the joy brought to a younger sister when her older brother gave her the first piece of cake.

### **Happy \$\$\$s**

Lots of people were very happy so I know I am missing some important things, but here is what I recall:

- Holly was happy because of the great success of the Classic
- Bill K: tremendously happy about his grand prize drawing win last Saturday.
- Julie was happy because the Classic was a success, but most of all because it was OVER.
- Bonnie and Jim were really happy to be at the meeting today
- Bonnie's happy \$\$\$ were to say thank you to her fellow Rotarians who had been so supportive in so many ways during her recovery and most of all for Jim, who was with her every step of the way.
- Ted was happy because he has lost 75 pounds during this pandemic shutdown. I think some of us may have found that weight you lost, but promise not to return it to you.
- Pete was happy because Rosemary arrived safely, despite lots of snow at her destination.

For anyone whose happiness I missed, I apologize.

## **Announcements**

- Brian Berg, joining us from sunny Florida, reported that the Satellite Club has a new member, Harish Palacharla and his induction will be sometime soon.
- Holly Fath asked the club members to volunteer to attend meetings of the Satellite Club (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays at 7 p.m.). She will organize a schedule for this.
- Julie and George announced that the Classic netted \$155,200 and thanked everyone for their great support and participation. They also let the club know that the gray and blue club logo blankets are still available for \$40 for a very limited time, so that Classic income could still go up if we purchase blankets!
- John S. shared information about the Memorial Day program being planned and asked for volunteers from the club for that day. Our club has supported this program for a number of years.
- Wes announced that the club board had voted to increase the amount being charged members for lunches to \$20. The price has remained unchanged for several year, despite increased prices from Chandlers. The \$20 price was set to cover the \$19.85 charged by Chandlers.

**Queen of Diamonds Raffle:** Bruce was the lucky Rotarian selected by you spinning wheel. His lucky number 29 (after a serious knife fight with the recalcitrant board in which our intrepid President-elect Tom prevailed) revealed a Queen, but not the Queen of Diamonds. Bruce's lucky number did gain him a percentage of the pot.

## **Fun and Frolic**

The fun and fining was conducted by Roger Smith today, who warned us that the 4-Way Test is suspended for him, but not for us and that the limit for today was \$6. He also gave Julie and George a pass on fines today in appreciation of all the work they did to make the Classic such a success.

The usual fines for no pin or no badge were levied not just to those meeting in person, but also for our virtual attendees. In addition:

- Anyone who didn't attend the Classic
- Anyone that hugged Bonnie but not Jim
- Anyone that hugged Bonnie or Jim but not the fine master
- Tom G was fined for saying to Jim Mc "you should unmute yourself" to which Jim suggested "you should fine Tom."
- Bill K. who donated \$1000 to the Foundation, was asked to round up to \$1002.

The fining frivolity ended with a series of questions from the "Worst Case Scenario Survival Game" for each table to answer. Tables were "captained" by the Rotarian with the longest association with Rotary and we learned some very useful thing like how to wrestle and alligator, the best way to remove a leech, what you should do if you fall through the ice into a lake and other things I sincerely hope never to have a chance to use! Thank you Roger for some great laughter and fun.

## **Our program was home grown silliness.**

Our planned speaker was a no-show today, so we took the time to show some of the Classic video, along with some "out-takes" that did NOT make it to the big screen last Saturday. By the time we finished this week's meeting many of us were experiencing side pain caused by excessive laughing, a small price to pay for a good time for all.

Samantha led us in the 4-Way Test to close the meeting a few minutes early.