



**FRIDAY, November 8, 2024**

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The meeting was called to order by President Roger at 12:15.

The Pledge was led by Randy G.; Jeff M. led the 4 Way and the Invocation was provided by Jack L.

### **Our visitors**

Pat introduced her husband Ken and Mentee Shari T.

Bill K introduced Donna Gulley, D6440 Major Donor/Endowment Chair

Jack L. introduced his wife Marinne

DGN Rick and AG Jim Thompson were also introduced

John S. reminded us that Monday is Veterans' Day and all veterans in attendance were recognized.

### **Announcements**

- ☞ Holly thanked everyone who responded to her email about packing Thanksgiving sides at her house for WINGS clients. Sunday has been selected for the packing. Sean volunteered to help deliver the packed bags to WINGS on Monday, if a second vehicle is needed.
- ☞ Tom reported on the Caribbean Classic meeting last week. There is a good committee in place. However, more help would be most welcome. Anyone who was not at that meeting and who would like to be involved should let Tom know.
- ☞ Randy G, Internation Service Director announced that if you, like he, wonder where our money goes, you are invited to join a Zoom call on 15 November at 7 am to learn about the students in Uganda we have helped support. Randy plans to attend. Contact him for more information.
- ☞ Gene W reminded us to sign up for the holiday party Planned for 6 December at Chicago Prime and about the next fellowship event on November 15 at Color Me Mine in Schaumburg. Linda announced that she and Gene are involved in the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Pajama Drive. There will be multiple collection points around the area and they will be bringing a holiday bag to the club each week in case members of our club want to donate new pjs, sizes 2T through adult. They are hoping to top the all-time record of 500 pairs of pajamas collected last year

Donna Gulley Major Donor presentations to Mike (and Cheryl) E. (Level 2) Jean S. (Level 2) and Dr. John (Jack) and Marianne L. (Level 1) She also shared some background on what major donors help to support and recognized TRF supporters in our club. George P. provided brief introductions for the Rotarians being recognized and each Rotarian said a little about why they have chosen to contributed to TRF.

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

- \$ Holly happy to be going somewhere I missed
- \$ Bill K. happy to be back from his travels
- \$ Diane Friday is her happiest day of the week
- \$ Randy happy about his birthday and heading off to Washington DC
- \$ Jean is happy to be a major donor, appreciated Donna's wonderful presentation and thanked Jeff/Divine helping her out
- \$ Roger celebrated his Nashville trip and is happy that he will see rock group Kansas tomorrow
- \$ Jeff happy because of his birthday and is grateful for this 35<sup>th</sup> bonus year after the plane crash when he was 29
- \$ Glenn S remembered with great joy a cold windy day 55 years ago when he and his wife Joyce were married
- \$ AG Jim proud of our club's participation in the recent district conference and is VERY happy about his wife's gift for his recent birthday: 1967 Mustang convertible.
- \$ Jeanne S. shared happiness because 45 years ago she met Jeff
- \$ Ted bragged about his daughter this time and that they are going to visit her
- \$ Gillett because our club is a supporter of Shelter Box and the great work they do to support disaster victims
- \$ Allen for Jack and his team, the Detroit Lions victory over the Green Bay Packer
- \$ DGN Rick is glad to be with us and commended the wonderful energy at our club and celebrated our major donors. He met a fellow Marine Allen G. at an event recently – Allen eventually figured out that Rick is a Rotarian.
- \$ Linda is happy for three reasons. (1) She will be going to the first Grandparents day since her granddaughter moved to Florida. (2) She is finally getting a new driveway today, to replace the one that imploded when her now grown son found a whole in the driveway and put a hose into the hole, washing out all the sand, gravel, etc. under the cement. (3) She is grateful for the club members who are keeping husband busy with plumbing jobs.
- \$ Gene was the clean-up hitter with happiness for his daughter's performance accomplishments; because he got to welcome Santa at Woodfield Mall and finally, something about holiday planning in the absence of the original planner (Allen, who had surgery).

## **Queen of Hearts Raffle:**

The wheel landed on Terry Parke's name, but the lowest number on the board was not a winner.

## **Fun and Frolic**

Finemaster Extraordinaire Allen Gabe had fun picking our pockets today after leading the club in a traditional happy birthday noise fest (I can't bring myself to call it a song) for our 2 birthday celebrants.

- Birthday "twins" to collect money
- Golfers not playing golf today or this week
- Shea because he is not an official member until Allen fines him
- No guest at your table or more than one guest at your table – ya' just can't win

- Veterans who did not salute flag during the pledge today
- District big wigs who came to hear Pat given an opportunity to make a contribution to our club.
- Mike E. for being a naysayer about Donna Gulley's project for Shelter Box back when Mike was DG
- Donna for calling Marianne Lucas and Jack for telling Donna that his wife's name was Lucas
- Jim T. for being in the middle of major donors
- Snowbirds for breaking our hearts by leaving town
- Holly for being on her phone during the meeting
- Allen fined himself for his phone going off twice during the meeting
- Gene for how he planned the holiday party that he mentioned in Happy Dollars.
- Anyone not fined

### **Our program**

The program was "All About Pat." She started with the disclaimer that it might not really be all there was to tell. Pat shared a little about her family of origin and early childhood, including her experiences in two different Chicago Public Schools – one predominantly black and one entirely white – and how that convinced her this is no such thing as separate, but equal.

She also recounted the story of how, as a member of a city-wide Presbyterian youth organization, she recruited her husband, Ken. Their pastor was very reluctant to marry them given their very strong and similar personalities. He may have been right, but next month they will celebrate their 59<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and that is a pretty good start.

Pat also shared some background about where they have lived during those years and a bit about their handyman special home in Wilmette. She also gave a brief summary of her 32 years working at the Rotary International headquarters in Evanston and her time as a Rotarian in the early days of women in Rotary.

She also gave a ringing endorsement of retirement. She remained silent on the issue of getting old.

Pat led us in the 4-Way Test