



FRIDAY, April 30, 2021 ~ IN PERSON/VIRTUAL CLUB MEETING

The 41st meeting of this Rotary year was called to order by President Wes precisely at 12:15.

The Pledge was led by Steve L.

The 4 Way Pact was led by Barry C.

The Invocation provided by Jack L

We had three visitors: Michael Shoultz of the Rotary Club of Batavia, who joined us virtually to observe how we conducted our hybrid meeting (Wes told us to be on our best behavior), and our president's lovely wife Caitlin and his mom Lisa.

Good News Stories Shared by Wes:

- Bears nemesis Aaron Rodgers is reported to be leaving the Packers and perhaps the NFC Central. A cheer went up from the wearers of blue and orange.
- High School sweethearts Benny and Linda saw a posting by their old school of a message carved on a desk that said "Benny & Linda 12-2-65 and Benny responded that he was the creator of the message and that they are married and will be celebrating their 51st anniversary on August 1st.

Happy \$\$\$s

- Bill L. was happy because Mimi is getting well after a month of being sick.
- Ted G. was happy that Michael Shoultz was attending our meeting.
- Eileen H. was very happy to share a message from her neighbor Angelina, whose conversation with Eileen led to our ICU Nurses Super Hero project. A copy of that message is attached at the end of this newsletter.
- Darrell M. shared that he was happy to be meeting virtually because he was able to open the door for his handyman.
- Juli L. was excited and happy because she and her mom had been able to get together with Terry and Joanne P. in Florida. "It was so awesome." Her bad news was that she has fractured her wrist.
- Glenn S. was happy and proud that his grandson hit a walk off double to win the game and that he has a new game tracker app on his phone that allows him to follow the game details and see his grandson's name and accomplishments.
- Don C. was happy to have his wife Lisa at the meeting with him.
- Bob F. was happy to report that he had been out with Jim and Bonnie M. and that it is great to see Bonnie healthy!
- Wes was doubly happy (pun intended). The first thing he mentioned was that he is glad that concerts are back and that he has tickets for shows at the NOW Arena. However, it was his second happy announcement that got everyone's attention. He and Caitlin are expecting TWINS!!! ...another generation of Rotarians.

Announcements

- A reminder to call our fellow Rotarians who are not able to join our meetings -- especially Dom R.
- Eileen reported on the plans for the ICU Nurses "Super Hero Week." Mayor McLeod will be presenting a proclamation, the Hyatt has donated a free room night for every ICU nurse, Fabbrini Flowers (885-2000) is donating flowers for their break room and a rose for every nurse. There will be super hero figures provided by Divine Signs for photo ops. Claire's Ice Cream parlor is donating an ice cream day. Top Golf is giving each nurse a \$10 gift certificate and more is in process. If you are interested in contributing to this effort, contact Eileen H.
- Rosemary reminded us to sign up for the Top Golf Fellowship Outing on Sunday, May 23 and to save the date of June 24th for our Installation event.

Queen of Diamonds Raffle: Jim F. was the lucky Rotarian whose name came up a winner. Since he was not present, Our raffle master revealed the lowest available card to be the 2 of clubs. No winner this week, so the pot rolls over. Don't forget to buy your opportunity to win that jackpot. Tickets must be in by Friday at 10 a.m.

Fun and Frolic

George P. was our fine master and he revealed that he was planning to fine Wes for failing to introduce his mom as a guest until being reminded of her presence, but that upon hearing that Wes and Caitlin will be welcoming two babies this fall, he figured they were going to need lots of money. So, Wes got a pass on that fine.

The usual fines for no pin or no badge were levied for those meeting in person. Those joining the meeting virtually were fined if there was nothing "Rotary" in their background or attire. The Glenn S. fine-o-meter was applied to Eileen who said "Don't fine me" at the beginning of her announcement.

Following the routine fines, George posed several question based on information in the most recent *Rotarian* magazine. We were given four choices for each question and answers appear below.

1. What is the dollar amount for projects in The Rotary Foundation's newest program Scale Grants?
2. Seven organizations that got their start because of Rotary were highlighted in the magazine: Easter Seals, Shelter Box, Little Free Library, Aquabox, Citizen's Climate Lobby, Rotaplast International and Alliance for Smiles.
 - a. What percentage of poor children in the USA have no age appropriate book available in their homes?
 - b. In what year did Shelter Box begin providing aide in Syria?
 - c. The years 2014 to 2020 are the seven warmest in history. When did worldwide temperatures begin to be tracked?
3. In the article on Sophie Scott's research into laughter, it was noted that we are much more likely to laugh out loud when in a group. George make several Chicago sports related statements, most of which generated hearty laughter. The one that did not may have been because it was so true some of us were crying instead of laughing.

Our program was a Club Assembly on Foundation matters

The motion to suspend the club meeting and call to order a meeting of the membership of the club's foundation prevailed.

Foundation chair Glenn S. called the meeting to order and introduced Vince S., the chair of the nominating committee for foundation board members. Vince recognized committee members Holly F. and Roger S. and presented the slate for election. Jodie B. was elected to a second term and Jim F. was also elected to serve on the foundation board..

Glenn presented the request for an additional \$18,400 for Project Selection/Visioning Partner projects this year. The request was unanimously approved by the membership.

Glenn then introduced Pat G., who chaired the Project Selection committee, to present information on the committee's recommendations for the 2021 grants. After sharing information on the process that the committee followed this year, Pat provided an overview of each of the following requests.

Organization	Brief Description of Project	Recommended Grant Amount
Child's Voice	Early Intervention Program to provide skills for very young hearing impaired children and their families.	\$5,000
Helping Others through Theatre	Youth HOTT -Hands on Theatre Training Beauty and the Beast will provide inclusive opportunities for all young people	\$5,000
WINGS	Children and Family Service Program, including a "Children's Advocate" for each child entering the program	\$5,000
Journeys	Food Assistance Program for homeless and near homeless individuals	\$5,000
Campanelli YMCA	Community Food Distribution kitchen equipment	\$ 5,000
Schaumburg BARN	Social/Special Saturday	\$4,500
Escorted Transportation Service Northwest	Care Kits for seniors. (ETS) provides transportation and companionship for seniors citizens not able to drive.	\$1,150
Shelter Inc.	Shelter Family Crisis Fund - \$100 Transportation Vouchers for 44 families in the Healthy family Program	\$ 4,400
Kenneth Young Center	Home Delivered Meals Program	\$5,000
Special Leisure Services Foundation (NWSRA	Program supplies and equipment for the PURSUIT 6 Adult Day Program at the Vogelei House in Hoffman Estates.	\$5,000
Fellowship Housing Corporation	Food Assistance for Single Moms and Children	\$3,600

Eisenhower Junior High School	Interact Club	\$1,500
	Dream Catcher's Girls' Group (Mentorship)	\$1,250
	Food Pantry and Community Closet	\$2,000
POC/HEC	Software and Digital Subscriptions to assist in serving the community more effectively with better information management tools.	\$5,000
GiGi's Playhouse	Technology Expansion and Product Development for Adult Work Force Training and Employment	\$5,000
	TOTAL RECOMMENDED	\$63,400

The membership unanimously approved these projects and the proposed funding. The foundation meeting was adjourned and we returned to the club meeting just in time to adjourn that meeting as well.

Gary A. let us in the 4 Way Test and Wes reminded us that *Rotary Opens Opportunities.*



Fun and Frolic Quiz answers:

- 1. \$2 million
- 2 a. 60%
- 2.b. 2012
- 2c. 1880

Angelina Peterson

My favorite quote:

Life is like a camera: focus on what's important, capture the good times, Develop from the negatives and if things don't work out ...take another shot.

Author anonymous

Covid 19 hit us all hard. Nothing could prepare us for something like this. There were so many unknowns; we learned as we go, adjust, adapt to many changes as the guidelines dictate and we did the best we could. If something did not work out the way we planned, we tried again. We were scared just like millions of people. Our odds on acquiring this deadly virus plus the possibility of bringing it home to our families was very likely. Despite all of that we chose to go to work every day to save lives, help others and ease their pain. That's what is important. Our character and integrity were tested; for we could easily wave the white flag and call it a day instead we accepted the challenge, we stood strong, ready to serve anyone that comes our way.

I have been a nurse for 26 years and this has been the most stressful event in my career. I've seen so many deaths that will last a lifetime. In a normal non Covid world, if a patient tells us "I want to die"...I can tell you that 99.9% a nurse will jokingly say "not on my watch". Nowadays if you say that to us, we pray, we hold your hand, we call your family and we call the chaplain. It's sad but it's the reality.

Our social committee wanted this nurses week to be super special and super fun to honor all the hard work that ICU nurses had endured during this pandemic. I am so thrilled that the Rotary Club of Schaumburg/Hoffman Estates is able to facilitate this event. I am so blessed to have a wonderful neighbor/ friend in my backyard willing to do the work for us. I simply asked her if she has any ideas or know anyone that can help us with raffles/donations to celebrate nurses week. Next thing I know she had the Rotary club on board ready to go. They made it possible for all of us. Thank you Rotary club and to all the businesses and individuals that donated for our nurses week. Your good heart will forever be etched in ours. These are good times we should capture and celebrate this moment!