



Meeting on August 18, 2023

Greetings! Our August 18 meeting began with the ring of the Rotary Bell by our Pres. Rachel, the Pledge of Allegiance led by Kristie R, the 4-Way Pact led by Don M and an invocation from Jack L, as we welcomed our honored guests, DG Mary Bak and AG James Thompson (along with several other really nice people whose names escaped me) to a particularly special meeting of the Friendly Club!

Pre-Happy Dollars or Finemastering

Pres Rachel was \$20 happy, or self-fined, or otherwise determined to have every Rotarian put down their forks and knives right now and get out their cell phones and scan the QR Code that connects to the software that gets you signed up to one or more of the Club's fantastic committees. Yes Maam!

Club Business & Announcements

We were informed and reminded:

Brian B reminded us that August 26, 2023 is the day and 9:00 to 11 am is the time for the Road Side Clean-Up which will meet in the Kohl's Parking lot on Golf Road (just a little bit North of the Bahama Breeze). Please sign up or show up to assist.

Gayle V informed us that there will be a Classic meeting right after the August 16 Club meeting.

Gene W and Linda D reminded us:

- a. about the fellowship event on August 26, 2023 at the Bristol Renaissance Faire in Kenosha, Wis – come as you will between 10:00 am to 7:00 pm (for more information, check out the flyer attached to this Buzz); and
- b. our “8” fellowship date is September 8 at the Platzkonzert in Hoffman Estates from 6 – 11 pm, tickets are \$15.

Linda D informed us about a Rotary International trip to Cartagena Columbia. Contact Linda for more details.

Holly F informed us that we have a table and tent in the grounds for the said Platzkonzert and we should all sign up for 2 hour shifts during the event and sell Vacation (not a) Raffle tickets while you are there!

Holly also wanted to know if there was enough interest in the Club for a hands-on project – delivering meals on wheels for the KYC – roughly a 2 hour commitment. Please let her know if you are interested.

Wendy P reminded us of 3 hands-on activities:

- a. the Roadside Clean-up;
- b. the Butterfly Garden needs helpers to tend to the garden on September 9 between 9 and 11 am., and
- c. another hands-on project with Accent Care, an area hospice.

Please let Wendy know if you are interested in any of the above hands-on activities.

Don M updated us on the “Tool Kit” project that has made such a difference in the lives of so many, and he read a message he received from “Marie” (a beneficiary of the tool box project) which illustrates the benefits to her life from the program).

Bruce D informed us that our sister Rotary Clubs in the McHenry area were putting on a Bands-Beer-and BBQ event this weekend.

Pres Rachel informed us that the NWSRA is having its Golf Outing soon and our sister club (Bloomington/Roselle) is having a Casino Night on September 15, 2023 (contact Rachel for further information).

Pres. Rachel informed us that we should ***Read Your Message From Pres. Rachel Tomorrow Night!***

Eileen H, on behalf of the Club, expressed thanks to the many people who have engaged in hands-on projects throughout the past years, and distributed Rotary T shirts to the many who have participated.

Pres. Rachel thanked Roger S for standing in for her last week.

Terry P let us know that we should all volunteer to be Greeters!

 **Happiness** 

As usual, there was lots and lots of happiness among the membership, including:

Eileen H was happy about all of the mentors in the Fishing Well mentor program, and with Roger S’s help and coordination of the mentor program, and the impact of the \$300,000.00 in Fishing Well Scholarships which have been distributed to date.

AG Jim Thompson was \$20 happy that he has recovered from a serious illness in the last several months, and that he is glad to be back with our Club.

DG Mary Bak was excited about the multi-club visit to Feed Our Starving Children ***this coming Wednesday, August 24, 2023 between 4:30 and 6:15 pm*** in Schaumburg, at 740 Wiley Farm Court, Schaumburg, IL 60173.

Holly F has been very happy with her recent travel schedule.

Marie P was \$20 happy that it was one of her daughter's Birthday (for \$14) and something else that your Buzzer couldn't quite get (for \$7) and something about Harold.

Wes C was happy that it was his Uncle Jim's Birthday (which led to a period of prolonged zaniness).

Eileen H reported that her husband Lou was so very happy after his last visit to the Club.

Gene W was happy that his daughter will be playing the part of "Jingle Lady" in the Nutcracker, and also an activity that he participated in with the Elgin Police, and also with the starting of a paranormal club.

And finally,

Pres Rachel was grateful that she had time to play last week. We are glad you were happy Rachel!

Queen of Hearts

Mike O was lucky enough to have the QoH pick his name. But his choice of card (King of Hearts) wasn't so lucky. Sorry Mike. And the search will continue next week for the other Queens.


 **Finemastering** 

And then, when no one was expecting it, we beheld Birthday Boy Jim Fab come forth channeling the spirit of the Anti-4-Way-Pact (it is never true or fair and it certainly doesn't make friends and is clearly not beneficial to all concerned) and he reached into his peculiar bag of tricks to unleash fines on:

the badgeless, the pinless and/or those who were late to the meeting,

Pres Rachael (whom the finemaster says he doesn't like to fine) for not remembering who the finemaster would be today,

Terry P, for once upon a time calling JimFab "Edgy,"

Gene W, for not having an apocryphal Allen G love story "Happy Dollars" today, which made the finemaster unhappy ,

Don M, for being a drag queen (don't ask why),

Wes C, for calling his Uncle out today (which hurt, really hurt), which led to a spanking of the finemaster – yes, a spanking – which the Rotary Club's attorneys completely deny ever happening,

Darrel M, for somehow being responsible for getting Gene to get a Spirit to get a "Rocky Patel" to show up in JimFab's garage,

Eileen H, for not recognizing that JimFab was "Mr. Roadside Cleanup" but he didn't get a shirt,

Marie P, for her faulty mathematics behind her "happy" dollars,

Mike E, for abandoning JimFab to sit with DG Bak and AG Thompson at today's luncheon,

DG Bak and AG Johnson despite JimFab's proclamation that "we never fine guests" (which DG Bak wisely didn't believe for a minute) – that really Hurt JimFab, who naturally fined them both,

Holly F, who, in her announcements, was taking too long to suit JimFab who advised Holly to "Land the Plane" and pay \$2!

Nancy R, for throwing a party with naked people (allegedly),

Robert F, for giving JimFab only 1 European kiss (instead of 2),

Anyone who was not wearing socks,

Or weren't having a birthday today,

Or haven't bought a vacation raffle ticket yet,

And with that, mercifully, the fining sputtered to an end.

An Address from our District Governor, Mary Bak

DG Bak gave another plug to the multi-club event at "Feed My Starving Children" this Thursday at 4:30 pm. As she said to the Club Board this morning, DG Bak thought we have a great and inspiring Club. She was impressed by the scope of our projects, and had a couple of them for special recognition (the Tool Kit being one of them) DG Bak plugged the District Conference next year (April 19-20, 2024), which will be a collaborative effort with District 6450, which will be held at One Rotary Center.

Program

Our Speaker today was Marie P and her topic was "Attracting and Retaining with Appreciation." It was about how to express your appreciation for your employees (and in your relationship at all levels in your life). Your Buzzer was truly impressed with what Marie had to say. You can hear it by clicking the link below and fast forwarding to Marie's presentation.

<https://www.youtube.com/live/bnr6lHanxPU?feature=share>

Thanks Marie, for an excellent and timely presentation.

And with that, your Buzzer hopes you all are having a great week and looks forward to seeing you at next Friday's meeting.



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