



**FRIDAY, July 29, 2022**

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

The Pledge was led by Gene (with a “G”)

The 4 Way Pact was led our Assistant Governor Jim Thompson

The Invocation provided by Jack

**Our visitors** Bill K. introduced two visitors at his table, his wife Jeanne and District Governor Bill Kmiecik. Mike E introduced our AC Jim Thompson. Former member Nanette was left to introduce herself, since we all felt she was still one of “us,” even though she was here representing the Rotary Club of Buffalo Grove. More on that later. Governor-elect Mary Bak was introduced by Eileen.

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

There was so much happiness in the room that your Buzzer of the day will start by apologizing if I missed recording your happiness. (I wrote as fast as I could.)

- Holly was happy for two reasons, one is a planned trip to her beloved “Y” camp and the second was the success of efforts to line up Napleton Subaru as our first “tool kit” corporate sponsor.
- Mike was happy that Cheryl’s knee surgery went well and she is recovering nicely.
- Linda was \$33 happy in honor of her and Wayne’s 33<sup>rd</sup> anniversary.
- Bill K was happy that his wife Jeanne was there and that they will be heading to Italy next month to meet up with their daughters there.
- Ted was happy about the great success of the team he coaches this season (although they didn’t make it to the next playoff round) and that he has maintained his 130-pound weight loss for eighteen months. Congratulations on both accomplishments, Ted!
- DG Bill gave happy dollars in honor of being fined by Allen???
- Wendy is happy to be leaving tomorrow for a family gathering in Saugatuck, Michigan.
- Eileen was happy because she was able to take a real walk again after a long recovery from her torn tendons.
- Gene’s happy dollars were because his daughter has a starring role in a play at Barrington High School, his wife is having a wonderful time at the Air Show in Oshkosh and something about Allen as usual (details of which escaped me).
- Bill L’s contribution was because Ted has given some of his weight loss to Bill – not sure if those were “happy” dollars or not.

**Queen of Hearts Raffle:** Brian Burke was the lucky name that our clicking wheel selected. Since neither he nor his proxy Nancy was in attendance today, his number was the lowest on the board – 12, which was not a winner. Better luck next time Brian!

**Birthdays:** Steve, Jim A and Ernie all had birthdays this week. However, only Ernie was at the meeting this week. Ernie suggested that he'd just as soon forget the birthday, but did make a contribution for our usual birthday "serenade."

**Fun and Frolic:** Fine Master Allen commented on there being no announcements today and that led to comments about there not having a time of announcements. The Buzz recorder was given a pass on fines for the day. If that becomes a regular feature of Fun and Frolic, maybe it will become easier to recruit Buzz reports!

Fines were levied as follows:

- Eileen for being late and not introducing District Governor-elect Mary Bak.
- Mary for being late with Eileen
- Not having a Rotary shirt on for the DGs visit
- Not having the same Rotary shirt on as Allen
- Bill K for introducing the Governor before his wife
- Not wearing pins/badges
- Not singing or making some other sound during the birthday cacophony to honor Ernie's birthday
- Not having someone wearing a suit at your table
- Allen offered us a quiz to round out the fining for the day. The question was who had been in Rotary longer, Ernie or Jack, Ed or Vince, Jean or Jim M? (Answers, Ernie, Ed and Jean).
- Jim M was also fined for voting for Jean, and thus giving away the answer.

**Announcements:** Rotarian Nannette told up about the Rotary Duck Race fundraiser conducted by the Buffalo Grove Rotary Club. The race is on the Sunday before Labor Day. Good luck to all our members who purchased ducks in the race. Nanette also left our meeting having purchase some chances to win in our Vacation Drawing.

**Our program:** DG Bill started by informing us that both he and AG Jim are fine masters at their club, Arlington Heights, and issuing a special invitation for Allen to visit that club some time. He told us about being on a road trip with his wife and hearing about a strange new virus that was responsible for serious illness in Wuhan, China. They commented how glad they were to live in the USA where such things didn't happen, only to arrive back home just in time to experience the massive March 2020 shutdown in response to the growing pandemic. Everything chanced almost overnight.

We all experience change in our lives. Rotary changes us. The people who are part of Rotary change us. DG Bill told us of three Rotarians in District 6440 who have helped change him through their faithful and dedicated service. He also told of the experiences during international service trips to Guatemala, Peru and Uganda that have changed him.

Rotary's vision statement is, "Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves." We were challenged to ask ourselves if Rotary has changed us and if not, why not? We all joined Rotary for some reason, maybe for networking or socializing or service. How have we pursued our goals in Rotary?

DG Bill shared a brief overview of 2022-23 RI President Jennifer Jones' initiatives:

- ★ Imagine: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI)
- ★ Imagine a welcoming club experience: Comfort and Care
- ★ Continuation of Past RI President Shekhar Mehta's Girls Empowerment initiative
- ★ Imagine Impact: Expanding Rotary's reach media tours. Throughout the year, Jones will visit eight service projects that represent each of Rotary's areas of focus and polio eradication. The tour will provide examples of how Rotary can make a measurable difference, while introducing Rotary to new audiences and potential partners and influencers. One stop will be in the Little Village area in Chicago in September. (I'm sure we will hear more about this in due course.)

DG Bill closed by sharing his goals for District 6440 this year:

- Increasing membership
- Three new club, with one or more being a Rotaract club
- Creative meetings
- Training
- Collaboration among clubs
- Support for The Rotary Foundation

DG Bill led us in the 4 Way Test and the meeting was adjourned.