



**FRIDAY, , 2024**

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

The Pledge was led by Randy. The 4 Way Pact was led by Rachel and Jack provided the Invocation.

**Our visitors** Allen introduced his guest Nikki, who was warmly welcomed by the club.

**Announcements**

- ☞ Roger reminded us that the club will meet next Friday (20 December), but will NOT meet on the 27<sup>th</sup> of December or the 3<sup>rd</sup> of January.
- ☞ Barry suggested that Classic tickets would make great holiday gifts for friends and family and reminded us to take advantage of the season to sell tickets.
- ☞ There is to be a Past President's meeting immediately after the club meeting to review proposed officers and directors for 2025-26. This will be followed by a Classic Committee meeting.
- ☞ George presented Linda Dressler with her PHF +3 recognition. Congratulations Linda!

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

- \$ Gary was happy to be back at the club after recovering from some complications from a recent heart procedure.
- \$ Bill thanked the club of the warm outreach to him and in family following the death of his kid brother, Marty, on Thanksgiving day. The outpouring of love and support from our club meant a great deal to him and the whole family.
- \$ Mike E. was happy because of the birthday wishes and check-ins from club members following his hip surgery.
- \$ Wes was happy on two accounts, first because his little sister has been promoted to chief marketing officer and second, because his mom Lisa is getting out of the hospital today, following her stay to fight an infection.
- \$ Allen recognized Gillete and his lovely wife with some happy dollars.
- \$ Linda had a happy \$ for Baily, since Gene was not present and another because the holiday party is over and went very smoothly.
- \$ Terry and Roger each added their happiness about the wonderful, well planned and executed, holiday party. A good time was had by all and those of us who couldn't be there missed a great evening.
- \$ Randy was very happy that his daughter is home safe and sound from her birthday trip with friends. A father worries, after all.

\$ Jim F was happy, but I missed the source of his happiness.

\$ Brian was happy that his middle daughter is married, even though the ceremony was conducted on Zoom.

\$ Holly was very happy that she is officially on the ballot for the April election as a Schaumburg Township trustee. Good luck Holly!

**Queen of Hearts Raffle:** There were drawings for the past 3 weeks. Despite Bill K, Loren T. and Randy G. each being lucky enough to have the wheel of destiny land on their names, none was lucky enough to find the elusive queen on the board. Better luck next time y'all.

### **Fun and Frolic**

Finemaster Allen was introduced and immediately began the fund raising by fining

- \* Anyone who did not respond to his introduction/greeting
- \* Everyone at a table with no guest
- \* Anyone who was late to the meeting
- \* People who hung their coats on their chairs rather than in the coat room
- \* All who failed to wear their badges today
- \* Anyone who did not join in the rousing, or should I say rowdy, traditional ScHE version of "Happy Birthday," as led by Allen
- \* The unnamed person who did not give happy \$\$\$ in honor of his mother's 91<sup>st</sup> birthday
- \* Any banker, accountant, financial person or anyone who has a bank account (since this was the club budget meeting)
- \* Anyone who has not reached out to Lisa C.

**Our program** was a club assembly to discuss and approve the 2024-25 budget.

Roger opened with a statement about how the budget was developed and why a dues increase is necessary at this time – increased Rule of 85 members and Service member who pay only for lunches when they attend, decreased membership/attendance numbers, and increased costs (aka inflation).

Ed Haag also spoke briefly about the relationship of the club's 501c3 foundation budget and the club budget.

A time was provided for questions and discussion before the budget was put to a vote. The budget was approved by a vote of 30 yes and 1 no.

Jim T. led us in the 4-Way Test