



**Meeting on January 21, 2022**

Pres. Tom’s REIGN OF TERROR is clearly into the “back 9” of his presidential year with no fatalities! The meeting opened in the usual way and we greeted Paul Niemiec (GOC), and speakers Heather Wilson and Melissa Hemzacek (both from Dist. 54). Pres. Tom opened the business of the meeting by reading aloud a congratulatory letter which we received from one of our Illinois Senators or Representatives, commemorating the Club’s 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Yes that’s right. We’re all 50. Again. Whatever!

**Birthdays**

In a most efficient way, Pres. Tom attempted to address the Birthdays of every Rotarian in the Club who had a birthday in December 2021 or January 2022. Not all of them were in attendance, but every one who was received an ear splitting howling (where is that silent coyote when you need one) unmusical composition which passes for a birthday song in the Friendly Club! Happy 29<sup>th</sup> to all of you birthday boys and girls.



Happiness rampaged amongst our Rotary Club members including:

Pat G. was happy because Ken’s eye surgery went really well!

Gene W, a nominee for the HE Business of the Year, was happy for that, and Meat Loaf’s life and music, and his daughter’s appearance at the Prairie Center in Beauty and the Beast, and Allen G’s turtleneck sweater.

Tom G was happy about the restarted food program, Louie Anderson and Meat Loaf’s life and music.

Wes C was happy to have survived a Covid scare and a “Parley.”

Rosemary was happy to have been part of the January 2022 fellowship event, Too Hot To Handel, and she thanked Holly F and Bruce D who organized the event and appeared in the show!

Wendy P was \$100 happy because she won big last week and was sharing her new wealth with our Club’s Foundation. Thanks Wendy!

And last but certainly not least, Sosi A was happy to be back at a Club meeting after a long period of being overworked at Top Golf, and also happy about the new Ozark season on Netflix.

## **Announcements**

Wes C announced that the Club Foundation received a hefty contribution in the name of Allen G from Four Corners Global Consulting Group, for Allen's expert assistance and advice.

Rachel H, in an effort to catch up with Rotarian make-ups, urged Club Rotarians to check their online attendance page in Clubrunner, and notify Rachel if there are meetings or activities she should record in your name.

Don M highlighted the great benefits of the "warm winter weather clothes" program recently done by the Club's Community Service commission, with help from POC.

Robert F reminded us to scrounge up some cool items for silent and not-so-silent auction at the Classic. Recent items include Sox Tics vs. Baltimore and a three night stay at either Wynn or Encore!

Pres. Tom highlighted the February fellowship – a Super Bowl party at Wes C's home in Hoffman Estates on Feb. 13, 2022.

## **Queen of Hearts**

The winning ticket was drawn by Brian B (the Elder), and the Queen of Diamonds came out of her long period of hiding (at the choice of our very own Queen of Hearts, Nancy R), thus winning a boatload of dineros and transforming this Club fundraiser (not a raffle) once again, into the Queen of Hearts.

## ***Finemastering***

Then suddenly, to sporadic clapping and the tell-tale smell of fear in the air, Finemaster Allen G quite merrily set about his work to relieve the assembled Rotarians of their spare dollars, fivers, Tenners and anything else he could get from them, as he fined Rotarians and their Guests, including:

Our two visitors from School District 54 (Eisenhower Principal Heather Wilson and Social Worker and sponsor of the Interact Club established at Eisenhower, Melissa Hemzacek), for doing what most every one of our Club Rotarians do -- talk during announcements;

The pinless, the badgeless and the time-clueless;

Those who have not paid for a Classic Ticket yet;

Those who did not hang up their heavy winter coats in the coat rack by the money machine outside of the Restaurant area, by the elevator;

Jim Mc, for not memorizing Allen's Paul Harris standing;

And then, which is somewhat of a surprise for Allen's typical style, Allen invited us all to participate in a mandatory fun quiz about "Chandler's" – uh – oops – not the Restaurant where we were meeting, but the late great author Ray Chandler whose writings helped to define Film Noir which you can occasionally see on Turner Classic Movies! Here are the questions (and you can check your prowess at the end of the Buzz:

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Which of the following novels was not written by Ray Chandler:

The last farewell  
Farewell My Lovely  
The Long Goodby  
The Big Sleep  
The Lady in the Lake

Who was the famous Detective featured in Ray Chandler's work?

Dick Tracy  
Nick Charles  
Sam Spade  
Philip Marlow

And then, after the fun quiz, Allen continued to fine:

Anyone who hasn't brought a bottle of wine or liquor for the Classic;

Or didn't "sing" Happy Birthday to the Mass Birthday celebration today – (to be precise, NOBODY ever "sings" the Club's unique birthday song - I'm just sayin');

Or haven't signed up for the District Golf Event this Month;

And then we were back to quizzing, sort of, as Allen fined those who didn't know what menu choice tickets were left on the stand outside of the Atrium Room (where we are all eating);

Or didn't know who Jennifer E. Jones is (which would prove that you didn't read the current Rotarian);

Or didn't know where she is from (Canada, Ontario);

Or didn't know what direction you would be moving in order to get from the Motor City (Detroit) to Ontario Canada (South).

And with that, Allen's finemastering came to an end for the week. Thank you Allen. May we have another?

## *Program*

Our two guests (Principal Wilson and Social Worker Hemzacek) brought us all up to speed on the Food Pantry and Interact Club operating at Eisenhower elementary school. For those who missed the presentation, you can find it on our Clubrunner website, which we suggest that you do!

See you next week!

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The Long Goodby

The Big Sleep

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The correct choice was “The Last Farewell” which was something that Allen just made up.

Who was the famous Detective featured in Ray Chandler’s work?

Dick Tracy

Nick Charles

Sam Spade

**Philip Marlow (the hard boiled detective featured in Chandler’s novels).**