

THE ROTARY CLUB OF SCHAUMBURG/HOFFMANN ESTATES

!!!BUZZ!!!

May 15, 2020

After spending a considerable amount of time saying Hi! to one another, and complementing one another's hair (some of us looked FABULOUS), and then mute-ating (courtesy of Wes, the gatekeeper of today's internet meeting) who struggled mightily to manage the sound for the meeting, and then talking about food, Pres Pat called the meeting to order (ON TIME BY THE WAY), and with Wes leading us in the pledge, and Bill leading us in the 4-Way Pact, we went straight to

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Wes C was happy because he had a great time with Roger (who's a smart cookie!)

Holly F was happy to be on the Action Squad.

Gabbie was happy to have been working on a Rotary project this week (I think that's what she said).

Bill was happy that we're going to have a great Zoom meeting with our Taiwanese counterparts.

Birthdays

Nanette celebrated her birthday with the traditional howling, feral screams & cet. (you can take your earplugs out now Nanette, and happy 29th!

Announcements

Pres Pat wants everyone to send her our service hours

She also wants us to get together (virtually) on May 30 to celebrate the launching of the Satellite Club. Gabbie has sent around an invite. The theme is 1969 (wear your costumes from the Classic). The event is BYOB (or since it is a virtual party, I guess it's have your own "B").

Foundation Election

Pres Pat then suspended the Club meeting and we all segued into a Foundation Membership meeting, to elect new directors. Thanks to Glenn S for heading up the nomination committee.

Jim F. and Ted G. are nominated to replace Loren T. and Jean S. Nominations were closed, and the vote was made and we have two new board members. Congrats!

Finemastering

Allen G attempted to be finemaster despite some significant audio issues, but with a little help from Wes, Allen was finally equipped to invade our wallets and purses with budget busting fines (meaning, our budgets), fining:

Pat, Wes and Darrell, for trying to help Allen with the meeting;

Mike E. and Terry P. for not paying attention to the speaker last week;

Anyone who isn't wearing something with the Rotary emblem on it;

For both Jim Fabbrinis who are on the meeting (each of which is fined, including the imposter);

Nancy R, for disappearing for part of last week's meeting;

For everyone who hasn't reached out to Rebecca Montgomery, it's \$2;

Anyone not wearing a pin, or wearing a sport jacket;

Vince S., for throwing Darrell M under the bus;

Mike T, Don C. and (someone else whose name your Buzzer didn't catch) for not having their names under their pictures (on our video screens);

Responses to the question of the week:

Brian B and Glenn S are fined, for not finding anything good that has come from the Coronavirus;

Bill K was fined for going outside;

Mike O was fined because of his response to this week's contest was late;

Debbie S was fined because she had a guest today who wasn't introduced;

Most people said the greatest benefit of the current lockdown was that they got to spend more time with family.

Mercifully, the fining then sputtered to a close. Thank you Allen!

Another Announcement

At this morning's Club Board meeting, they discussed what we will do when the current coronavirus measures loosen enough for us to actually meet in person. If you're struggling

financially because of current conditions, contact Pat or Wes or Steve, and maybe they can grant a little relief, at least from Club related expenses.

Eileen H then gave another announcement that last week we had three Fishing Well graduates, and we're getting ready for the next round of candidates for scholarships in the coming semesters.

And yet another Announcement

Holly F then made another announcement that there are two Graham Fath Scholarships that are available, so that if you know of any candidates, send them in Holly's general direction.

Program

Wes is the default program today (because our Speaker canceled). Wes wanted us to know what he is thinking about doing in his Presidential year.

Wes likes it that we have adapted to the video meetings, and that we are consistently having participants (in our virtual meetings) in the mid 40's (which is close to our average attendance, pre-apocalypse) .

His priorities for the new year include:

Our meetings should be fun and engaging. We should have a picnic this Summer in Rotary Park in Hoffman Estates. He would like to have fellowship activities with other Clubs. He wants an ***-Kicking Classic this year.

Wes wants to formalize Club job descriptions and use them to help us be more organized and deliberate as we advance the Club's interests. Wes wants a group photo. He would like to improve our financial system for managing Club billings, using auto-pay and other technical means.

His wish list includes: a membership guide for the year, with a timeline for our activities through the year; making us a bit more technically experienced and oriented, using a Club communication app (he intends to use "Slack"); he would like to have our meetings streamed online, so that travelling Club Rotarians can join our meetings, even when they are traveling or snow-birding; he wants to make our website "sexy" so that it not only gets information out, but also looks interesting; he wants a consistent and persistent social media presence for the Club. He would grow our membership +3.

Wes has been working with Bill K with the Taiwanese, and he has noticed that they take Rotary very, very seriously. Wes would like to introduce a bit of that here.

Wes would like a new secondary fundraiser, especially since our current secondary fundraiser is the “vacation raffle” and given current circumstances, a “vacation” prize might not be so attractive. He would like us to come up with something creative, that we care about.

Rotarians had many questions about internet/in-person meetings and technology. Wes noted that streaming the meetings would allow us to spread out to other rooms in Chandler’s (to keep our distance). Jack L observed that we could use the technology to bring in international speakers – a fantastic idea. Wes noted that we will need to see what Chandler’s can do, and might wish to do, in the post-coronavirus time.

Bill K gave his props to Wes, for his work to put the technology in place for the upcoming meeting with the Taiwanese Rotary Club.

A written description of Wes’ plans for the future was sent to all Club Rotarians. A copy has also been sent to you with this Buzz!

The members were polled about whether they would be willing to meet in person on June 15, 2020. Twenty members answered yes.

And with that, Pres. Pat rang the virtual bell on another fine virtual meeting of the Friendly Club!
See you next week!