



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2026 ~ CLUB MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President Ted Gross at 12:16.

The Pledge was led by Brian Berg.

The Four-Way Pact was led by Jack Lucas.

The Invocation was given by Jack Lucas, including a special 9/11 remembrance for the first responders that day, and the brave passengers and crew of United Flight 93.

GUESTS

There were no guests at today's meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Ted announced that the club is seeking ideas for lunch meeting speakers.
- Gene reminded everybody about the September Fellowship Meeting at the Hoffman Estates Platzkonzert Germanfest – tonight at 5:30 at the Hideaway Brew Garden
- Jeff issued a second reminder about the October 24th Roadside Clean-up.
- The club voted to approve the 2026-27 club budget, which was reviewed and discussed in detail at the August 28th meeting.
- Shea volunteered to be the “Beat the Rotarian” at the Arlington Heights SLFS golf outing on September 17th.
- John Selke announced that \$160 had been collected for the new and revised Marble Raffle. Randy was a winner of a prize amounting to 10% of the pot.
- George had some Paul Harris pins to hand out. Those receiving pins today were Randy (PH +1), John (PH +3), Linda (PH +4) and Glenn (PH +5).

HAPPY DOLLARS

\$ Tom was happy that Conant is 4-0 with son Eddie as the OL coach. He thanked the club for the support after the passing of his father. He was happy to be dog-sitting this weekend.

\$ Roger thanked the club for their support of him and Renee.

\$ Nancy was \$5 happy that Jeff Miller had produced a life-sized photo of Brian Burke that she shared during a visit.

\$ Anita was \$20 happy that husband Greg emerged with a clean bill of health after a scare that unfortunately include the loss of a kidney.

\$ Brian was \$15 happy to have survived another SeptemberFest. Plus he is running for office again.

\$ Vince was happy that his oldest grandson Nathan had gotten engaged.

\$ Ted was happy to be “killing it” in a poker league that he now has time for, with no baseball games to be coached.

\$ Jeff was \$15 happy to have biked for cancer with an old friend from Motorola while also achieving his annual goal of biking 1,000 miles. He also appreciated new Foundation Treasurer Brian for turning around some check requests.

\$ Shea was \$5 happy that Ted provided some helpful advice in a pinch during his house closing, for those selling their Vacation drawing tickets, and to Ken Busch for sharing some connection with him.

\$ Gene was \$2 happy for the Platzkonzert tonight, and for Bailey’s rehearsal of an upcoming Christmas concert, “Do You Hear What I Hear”.

FUN & FROLIC

George was the Fine Master today, ready to seek revenge on those who failed to support his motion two weeks again to eliminate Fun & Frolic.

George reported that Allen Gabe requested a fine for anybody admitting to have showed up at Chandler’s last Friday. No hands were raised.

George pulled out his 5 envelopes, with the following answers to questions that nobody guessed correctly:

- 1) A. Monarch butterflies and Rotary Committees Q. What are 2 things that spend 2 months fluttering around before reaching a decision?
- 2) A. Volunteers and a Rotary budget Q. What are things that always disappear when you need them the most?
- 3) A. A nap, Ben Gay and Service Above Self Q. What are 3 things you need to serve a shift at the Butterfly Garden?
- 4) A. A soldered tin can, an empty milk bottle and Jack Lucas Q. What are three 90-year-old objects found on Golf Road during a Roadside Clean-up?
- 5) A. A heat seeking missile, a kid running to an ice cream truck and Allen Gabe seeking a Classic sponsor. Q. What are things that will hunt you down, knock you down, or both, to get your money.

PROGRAM

The impromptu program consisted of members who wished to share their memories and experiences of 9/11/2001. Those who shared their stories included Ted, Randy, Chuck, Brian, Shea, Jack, Vince, Gary, Terry and Holly.

Ted adjourned the meeting at 1:39.