

!!!BUZZ!!!

April 9, 2021

Pres Wes rang the real Rotary bell to start the 30th Club Meeting of our Rotary year on this cool and gloomy Friday afternoon. Someone led us in the pledge of allegiance to our Nation's Flag. Brian B (the younger) led us in the 4-way pact. Jack L led us in an invocation.

Guests

We welcomed Mimi L, Stephanie A and Howard Berg (our speaker).

A Moment of Silence

We shared a brief moment to commemorate the lives that we have lost this year.

Good News

The good news included the Georgian gent who had Shaq pay off his engagement ring while the gent was trying to come to terms with the jewelry store clerk; and the 7 year old girl who wrote to Old Navy to get jeans with pockets – and Old Navy made some jeans with pockets just for her; and the Super Mario Bros game that just sold for \$600,000!!!!

More Local Good News: Debbie S was elected to the Dist 54 School Board!!!!

 **Happiness** 

Happies included:

Holly F who just returned from Florida, was happy because her friend Shannon gave her \$5 to contribute as happy dollars!

Ernie T was \$100 happy to be back with us!

Bill L was happy to have Mimi here;

Debbie S was happy for the support she had for her Dist. 54 board run;

Jeff M. was happy (\$50) because of all the skill he used to take 2nd place in the NCAA fundraiser;

Wes C, because it was a Masters Week, and he learned that his sister is moving back to the area, and because of something else that he couldn't remember;

John S had \$10 happy dollars because he will be traveling to visit his Son;

Ted G is \$10 happy because his son just turned 18, and because Brian T helped him interview people at the VOS for his High School report;

Sosi was \$10 happy because on Monday she was the proud recipient of a recognition by Hoffman Estates of Armenian Genocide;

Darrell M was \$5 happy for no particular reason.

Announcements

Eileen H is trying to move our Butterfly Garden maintenance event to Monday at 5:30 p.m., and she also announced a recycling event on April 22, 2021, which has a flyer that Eileen has sent to everyone in the Club which she encouraged us to send to everyone we know. Our Club is sponsoring this event.

Vince S announced that April 30 will be a Club Assembly, a vote on increasing project selection by \$18,400, and a vote to elect Jim F and Jody B to the Foundation Board, and a vote on the Foundation budget.

Jim F announced the winners of the NCAA fundraiser: Gary A and Bruce D won \$300 each, Jeff M came in second with \$500 and Mike Scharringhausen won the Grand Prize for \$1000. The Club netted \$4,300. Awesome job Jim!

Wes C announced that RYLA has a golf outing coming up. Tom or Wes will circulate information on the event.

Queen of Hearts

Our incomparably enthusiastic Club PE (and official Barker) Tom G did his very best to make our Club Rotarians feel "lucky" for the Queen of Diamonds virtual display. The Spin was interesting (psychedelic, really) and our favorite flower child (Gayle V)'s name came up, and as Gayle was elsewhere, her pick was the lowest on the board #4 – which sadly for Gayle (but happily for the rest of us) came up as the 5 of Clubs! Sorry Gayle. Better luck next time!

Finemastering

And with that, the "Anti-4-Way-Tester" (Jim F) stepped up, apologized in advance, and then proceeded to expose our faults and foibles as he fined:

Vince S, because he rejected Jim on the NCAA pool and now must wrestle with Jeff M for the prize money;

Everyone at Ed H's table for general reasons;

Ed H, for comparing JimFab to Mr. S;

Ted G, for his Buzz last week that used the words stuck, canal and toilet paper in one sentence, with another \$2 fine because the Buzz Ted authored said something about selling TP to the highest bidder;

Debbie S, because Jim thought he *was* voting for the "other" Debbie S;

Stephanie A because she worked for RI, and although we never fine guests, she was fined for not coming to one of our meetings earlier;

Mimi L was also fined (although we have a rule against fining guests) for attending Club meetings *two* often;

Nancy R was fined by Jimmy because Nancy didn't introduce Jim to nice people (like Nancy did for Holly) – 'cause Jimmy needs more friends! (We know Jimmy. We know);

Jimmy fined everyone who asked Jim to fine himself (and there were a couple who received this "rebound" fine);

Ernie T was fined \$5 so he could add that to his \$100 happy dollars;

Jeff M was fined for his alleged "skill" in being a winner of the NCAA fundraising game;

After noting that Oral Roberts University was in the NCAA and is located in Oklahoma (\$2 if you didn't know that), Jim asked if anyone knew what the real Oral Roberts' first name was (\$2 if you didn't know it was "Grandville").

And with that we all left "anti4-waytestland" and returned to our regularly scheduled programming!

Program

Howard Berg, the PE of his Club, spoke to us about teaching and learning faster! There is a technique that Berg developed, which has been scientifically shown to help people read faster with greater comprehension. Howard taught us a brain massage (let your right hand touch your left shoulder; let your left hand to touch your right shoulder, then let your right hand touch your left knee, and let your left hand touch your right knee, and do it all faster and faster and then shout "I feel great"). This actually seems to program yourself to, well, feel great! It's weird, but it seems to work. Howard also taught us Memory exercises, that were kind of fun, and that might help many of us remember our hotel room numbers when we eventually get back to travelling.

The program really needs to be seen and heard to be appreciated. Your Buzzer recommends that you go to Clubrunner and listen to the program. It could make a difference in your work, business and life.

And with that, we said the 4-Way Test, and then Pres. Wes rang the virtual bell on another fine virtual meeting of the Friendly Club! See you next week!