

## Rotary Club of Schaumburg -Hoffman Estates, Illinois



# THE BUZZ

June 10, 2022

### REMINDERS

- . The Installation Dinner is coming up Thursday, June 23 at Chandlers. Doors open at 5:30pm. You are paying \$50 so you might as well attend. Please RSVP to Nancy. if you haven't already.
- . No meeting the following day, Friday, June 24.

### HAPPY DOLLARS

- . PDG Mike attended the RI Convention in Houston. It was his 12th and a truly inspiring experience. RI represents more countries and territories than the United Nations. During the parade of flags from each country, everyone in attendance stood as the Ukrainian flag passed.
- . Eileen asked those who helped with the Butterfly Garden clean-up last Saturday to stand. There were at least 15 standing. The Mayor and the Wednesday event guests were very impressed.
- . Vince thanked Cris for working on his car.
- . Linda hugged her visiting friend Cecilia, a guest from the Barn.
- . Ernie had a great time with his family in the Outer Banks.
- . Bonnie thanked her doctor's team for resetting her heart!
- . Holly is going to Paris.
- . Debbie brought Mia and thanked her for asking friends to join her with the garden clean-up.
- . PE Brian was totally impressed hearing President Tom give a presentation.
- . Ed gave \$44 for each year he has been a member of SHE Rotary.
- . Darrell reported that Dom has gained 10 pounds. He's slowly feeling better and now weighs 130.

. Jim Fabbrini fondly remembered his father who would have been 99 on Friday.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Club's Public Image remains strong on FaceBook and the internet. Meetings are recorded and available on You Tube.

### **QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING**

Gail Vandenberg was the lucky winner but picked the two of spades.

### **FUN & FROLIC - GEORGE**

. Allen has been in the hospital with an infected middle finger. Those who have reached out to provide support and those who didn't, were both fined.

. A lot of money was collected during George's "What would you do if..." scenarios. Most of us maxed out.

### **PROJECT SELECTION PRESENTATIONS**

PP Wes announced that 12 community grants were approved worth \$51,500. Each representative gave a short presentation.

1. Family Forward- founded in 2003 they provide low income families two years of rent and services to strengthen their employment opportunities.
2. District 54 Autism Program at Nathan Hale School- Training for special staff will improve their knowledge on how to adapt school music and athletic activities so autistic children may be included.
3. Fellowship Housing- Since 1991 at risk women and their children receive shelter and support. The Child Benevolence program provides needed counseling and safe after school activities.
4. Child's Voice- provides a bridge of support to children immediately after receiving a cochlear hearing device. The grant offers new audio technology.
5. Operation Tool Kit- Schaumburg and HE High Schools auto program prepares students for careers. The grant aids the purchase of the mechanic individual tool kits which cost \$2000 apiece.

6. Journey to the Road Home- provides comprehensive support to homeless families. The grant assists the school advocacy program which focuses on enrollment, attendance, and communications between the school and family.
7. GiGi's Playhouse- offers free Downs Syndrome support. A smart board for the career program will be purchased.
8. Schaumburg Barn- continuing the Club sponsored Social Saturdays monthly social for low income seniors who play cards, bingo, socialize, and enjoy a warm lunch. 100 - 125 attend each month.
9. Kenneth Young Center- provides mental health and support services to residents. The grant supports the Meals on Wheels program which increased tremendously during the pandemic. 80,000 diet specific meals were delivered in 2021.
10. NW Special Recreation Association/ Special Leisure Services Foundation- provides recreation to people with special needs. The grant will purchase furnishings for the newly ADA compliant Vogelei Barn in HE. The facility will house a much needed day program.
11. Partners for Our Communities- supports new immigrants navigate and be successful in our country. A Charity Tracker computer system will speed up the intake process and provide resources immediately.
12. Women In Need Growing Stronger (WINGS)- provides shelter and services to abused women and their children. During the pandemic, incidents of domestic abuse and violence skyrocketed. WINGS experienced a 270% increase. Residents were moved from residential shelters to hotels for COVID protection. Extended-stay hotels had openings normally filled by corporate clients. WINGS averaged 500 family members housed per night. WINGS hit the one million milestone in 2022. Recently, 38 clients "graduated" from their two year program, feeling safe and confident in their future.

PP Wes closed by saying how proud we are to provide funding for each of these worthy projects and thanked the representatives for the caring and needed work each provided to community residents.

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