

## THE ROTARY CLUB OF SCHAUMBURG/HOFFMANN ESTATES



**October 22, 2021**

This week's REIGN OF TERROR unleashed by Pres. Tom G. opened with an "explanation" for why he was not present at last Friday's meeting, but generally, and because Brian B (the younger) reportedly did a good job REIGNing us in last week, the Rotarians present this week took it all in good cheer. So then, with the Pledge of Allegiance, the recitation of the 4-Way Pact and an invocation from Deacon Jack, we resumed our regularly schedule programming and otherwise got on with the meeting!

### **FELLOWSHIP EVENT TODAY (SATURDAY, Oct. 23)**

Your Buzzer took this out of order in the Buzz just in case someone needs details concerning the Fall Festival Hang Out event which is happening **Saturday October 23, 2021** (when this Buzz will arrive in your in-boxes). The Hang out will be at the Haverford Clubhouse (1720 Eton Drive, HE). Food will be served but it is BYOB. And as its name implies, the event is intended to be a cozy little get-away and a chance for all of us to just catch up on all that has been happening in our lives! If you have questions, please contact Gayle V or Bonnie McC. And have fun, those of you who can attend.

### **VIRTUAL CLASSIC MEETING**

You should have received an email reminder today (Saturday) about a Classic Zoom meeting next Monday (Oct. 25) at 11:00 a.m.

### **Guests**

We had many guests including three guests of the Club who were about to become Rotarians, including Anastasia Lozhkina, Linda Dressler and Gene "The Ghost Guy" (no kidding) Walters; plus, Andrea Catel, a Rotarian visiting from Brazil who also happens to be the mom of a Rotary Exchange Student about a decade or so ago, plus from the VOS, our speaker, Director of Communications & Outreach Allison Albrecht and Communications Specialist Jason Pawlowski, plus, a visiting "almost a Rotarian" Chrystal Maxwell (she's in the process of joining the St. Charles Rotary Club), who works with the Boys & Girl's Club of Elgen, was pleased to join us, and last but not least GOC James Irwin (with Northwestern Mutual).

### **Fussing and Swearing (in)**

Without wasting a second, and with the help of several Rotarians, Pres. Tom did the RITUAL through which Anastasia Lozhkina, Linda Dressler and Ghost Man Gene joined our happy crew. As tradition dictates, each brand new Rotarian told us a bit about themselves in a short period of time (a double secret probation

requirement) – which probably explains why the finemaster treated all three of them comparatively more gently than is normal.

Anastasia was born in Russia, moved to the Ukraine and then at age 19 moved to the USA with the blessing of her Mom, \$500 US in her pocket and no understanding of the English language. Once they got to the States Anastasia did a lot of different jobs (including being a Health Coach and another, if we heard her right, in competitive bikini competitions). Somehow, your Buzzer thinks that our Club will be PERFECT for Anastasia! Anastasia is a currently a broker with @properties. Welcome Anastasia!

Our next victim was Linda Dressler who grew up in Evanston, IL, played in the Rotary Park there, had a Granddad who was a Rotarian, and all of this, more or less, indicates that Rotary is in her blood! Linda graduated college with a Bachelor of Science in Management (which may come in handy on all of the Rotary committees she will eventually manage). Her vocation is Real Estate which she started in 2007 (a really tough year for brokerage companies and workers). He has three 20-something Sons who like to half live at home. Welcome Ladies Anastasia and Linda.

But don't forget Gene Walters, who – no kidding – is “The Ghost Guy.” Do you remember that Gene was the program at one of our meetings a year or two ago, and he spoke of his side business of seeking out the “Haunts” around Schaumburg and Hoffman Estates. When he isn't chasing down hopefully friendly spirits, Gene works as a Senior Mortgage Broker with Hometrue Mortgage. He feels proud to be a Rotarian (and we are proud that Gene and his two new sisters in Rotary have joined our Club!

### Good News

Good news came to us in the form of a video of RI President Shakhur Mehta, speaking of Rotary and especially its long-standing work on the elimination of Polio from our world, among other worthy projects which Rotarians do. The video was a reminder that the important work of Rotary is not finished and everyone should contribute to Polio Plus, and do so promptly.

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Rampant Happiness amongst the membership included:

Jeff M, who says that he caught 387 fish in his 3-day fishing outing (all of whom went back in the water);

Bill K, who was happy that Jeff had a good time fishing, and while he was standing, he took the time to properly introduce Ms Chrystal Maxwell, a visiting Rotarian and worker with the Boys and Girls Club of Elgin.

Roger S was happy that his Mom is coming to SATURDAY'S FALL FELLOWSHIP HANG OUT and also that his Grandma Estelle will be 99 on Halloween! Wow! Wish her well from all of us Rog!

Pat G was happy about the 2021 WNBA champion, the Chicago Sky! (Everyone is happy about that too!);

Holly F was happy because she's taking her Mom downtown later today to see the Joffre Ballet (say Hi to Mom for us);

Jean S was happy to have taken a walk in Spring Valley this past week, where she encountered some trees and plaques planted in honor of Rotarians past;

Jim Fab was happy that Andrea Catel's visit brought back fond memories, and also something about Fisherman Jeff and pickleball that your Buzzer didn't quite catch but was probably very witty;

Allen G was happy with the new members, and about a celebration of his and Chris' wedding anniversary in Galena (congratulations on that!);

Anastasia L was happy to be a Rotarian;

Eileen H was happy that her email correspondent from the VOS (Allison Albrecht) was at our meeting to speak about everything VOS today;

Gayle V was happy about all our new members, and about the fact that Gayle is about to ditch us all as she goes down to Sunny Florida for 2 weeks (have a great time); 😊😊

Gene W is happy to be a member, and he also seemed to like Allen G's Halloween costume (Allen didn't wear his Armani Suit today);

Don M was happy about our new members, the Ghost show on CBS, the wonderful things that our interactors are doing and the nice things that they said about Jim Fab and RYLA;

Wendy P was happy to complete her first task (for her red Rotary badge) which was to storytell to some kids at school. Way to go Wendy! Sounds like fun.

### **Announcements**

In addition to the announcement of the Fall Festival Hang Out (see page 1 of this Buzz):

Eileen H announced that POC needs our help, and is seeking at least 5 quilts/comforters and warm clothing (including gently used men's underwear, coats and other clothes for men and women) – please email Eileen for more details.

Brian B announced a Roadside Cleanup a week from Saturday (Oct. 30). Parking will be at Kohl's. Email Brian B or Brian Townsend for details and for the start time.

Roger S announced that the Fishing Well needs three more mentors! Call or email Roger for details.

And on a sad note,

Mike Turgeon announced, sadly, that he is moving South to North Carolina, and he will have to leave our Club – his Rotary home for so many years. He will be at Saturday's Fall Festival. We all wish you and Andrea well!

### **Paul Harris**

Jim McC gladly awarded ruby pins to Brian B and Bruce D, who were very pleased to receive them. Congratulations to our two newest Paul Harris Sixes!

## Queen of Hearts

Former Club Rotarian Julie C was lucky enough to have her number drawn for the Queen of Diamonds (not a raffle. Unfortunately for Julie, the Queen of Diamonds eluded her, but on a positive note, one of the lower cards (which might have been the 5 of diamonds) was exposed and will not get between future contestants and the jackpot. Sorry Julie. Better luck next time!

### *Finemastering*

And with that out of the way, Darth Allen approached the podium to instill something akin to humor with *discipline*, as he fined the following Rotarians:

The pinless, the badgeless and those who have a troubled relationship with clocks, plus;

Anyone who hasn't signed up as a mentor for the Fishing Well;

And Wes C and Vince S for looking at Wes' Cell Phone instead of *being here now!* (and yes Darth Allen knows that Wes was only showing off his adorable newborn twin boys, but like his buddy Ming the Merciless, Darth Allen was, well, merciless!;

And Wendy P because her phone went off during last week's meeting;

And Anastasia, Linda and Gene (because your nobody in our Club until you've been fined!);

And Gary Anderson, who was off somewhere else celebrating his birthday while his sponsoree was being inducted into the Club last week;

And anyone who didn't (a) bring in a new member this year; (b) isn't going to the Fall Fest on Saturday; (c) hasn't brought clothes to donate to the POC; (d) doesn't have a Guest at their table today; (e) doesn't play Pickleball; (f) whose Guest came late, and finally,

Mike T, because he deserved to have a "fare thee well" fine.

### *Program*

Allison M. Albrecht, Director of Communications & Outreach for the Village of Schaumburg, briefed us on a wide variety of things that are happening or will soon happen within the Village, including:

- a. The Survey. The Village is surveying its citizens, so if you live in Schaumburg, fill out the form that was mailed to you or take the survey online (the Website will guide you to it);
- b. Highways. Orange Barrel Season is about to end, as the Village is trying to complete a number of repaving projects at 62 and Meachum, National Parkway and Summit Drive;
- c. Other Projects. The Town Square Clock Tower is being fixed, the Plaza outside of the Al Larson Prairie Center is being rebuilt and a 149 lot single family home development is under construction on Summit Drive (on former Dist. 211 land). Lots of new stores, restaurants and businesses are coming to Schaumburg, including the national HQ for Road Ranger;

- d. A public park named the “90 North Public Park” (near Motorola) is being built.
- e. Events. There’s a fantastic Blues show at the Prairie Center on Oct 23 (but remember, you have to go to the Fall Festival Hang Out at the Haverford townhouse, unless you are Bruce D and you have to go to the Blues Show or suffer the disapproval of you know who (who helped set up the show); a blood drive on Oct. 26, Holiday lighting on Nov. 26, the Nutcracker, and much more.
- f. Farmer’s Market – this is a head’s up, as next Friday will be the last one of the season. So stock up on your produce and spooky things at the market!

Allison also spoke about the wealth of information and services (including health screening and nursing services) which you can find on the VOS website: [www.schaumburg.com](http://www.schaumburg.com).

Thanks Allison for bringing us up to speed on all that is happening. And with that, Pres. Tom rang the bell on this latest instalment of his Reign of Terror. Hope to see you next Friday!

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