



## FRIDAY, October 28, 2022 ~ CLUB MEETING

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### GUESTS

- Ken Groenewold, Pat's husband
- Pat and Tom LaMantia, deacon couple from St. Marcelline's Parish, guests of the club.
- Our speaker –Kris Tsau, Advocacy Specialist with Rotary International

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1) Allen Gabe reminded us that the Classic will be on Saturday, May 6, 2023 at the Hyatt Regency Schaumburg. Allen's goal is to double attendance. Bring your adult children and friends. Committee is working very hard.
- 2) Barry Christian brought Halloween candy to promote Shop with a Cop. Deadline is Nov 9; check will be presented to the HE Police rep on Nov. 11. If you donate \$100, Barry will donate an additional \$25. Link will be in the Wednesday email.
- 3) Glenn Szurgot reported that former member Bill Semitekol is in hospice and his wife Marie said Bill would love to hear from his Rotary friends. Marie's Cell – 847-885-3369.
- 4) Mike Ericksen is part of a five-member team to promote Chicago for the 2030 RI convention. The team created the bid packet. 20-40,000 attendees are expected. Venue would be McCormack Place with activities at Navy Pier. We are competing with no other country.
- 5) Nancy Redmon reminded everyone to sign up for the club's annual HOLIDAY PARTY on December 2 at the Belvedere. Fabulous food, fellowship, and live entertainment. Sign up on clubrunner or at a club meeting.
- 6) Brian Berg announced that Bill Landwer has resigned from the club because of Mimi's health issues. Bill would love to hear from his Rotary friends.

### HAPPY DOLLARS

Pat Groenewold was \$19 happy – the point spread of the Bear's recent win (not yesterday's!).

Rosemary Justen was happy to have her guests at lunch and for spending a week on Lauderdale-by-the-sea beach.

Pete Justen had six happy days while Rosemary was away.

Jack Lucas is a great-grandfather. Congrats, Jack!

George Panopoulos is celebrating his 29<sup>th</sup> anniversary to Trish. Congrats to you both!

Kristy Ritchie reported that their property in FL survived nicely during the hurricane.

Gene Walter's daughter is in Nutcracker, his and Linda's Trunk or Treat was a success, and it's Halloween weekend!

Holly Fath is happy to not have any more announcements.

### QUEEN OF HEARTS

Loren Trimble's name was drawn but, alas, the lowest numbered remaining card did not reveal the elusive Queen. Pot (over \$8,000) rolls over. Better luck next time, Loren.



## **FUN & FROLIC FINE MASTER ~ Allen Gabe**



Those fined, along with the reasons for their fines, included:

- a) Gary Anderson for looking at his phone to see if he was available for the 2030 RI convention.
- b) Did not bring clothes for Pat's collection.
- c) No guest at your table.
- d) Not wearing Rotary attire.
- e) Going to a Halloween party to celebrate a wedding anniversary.
- f) Pete Justen paid a fine because Rosemary said he was a man who did not need an introduction and then she introduced him.
- g) If you have not donated to Shop with a Cop. Event will be at Poplar Creek Bowl this year.
- h) Mike Ericksen for thinking he was the program.
- i) Barry Christian for usurping Allen's authority.
- j) Bears' fans.
- k) Jack Lucas because Allen Gabe wanted a 50-point spread.
- l) Anyone moving to a new office building.
- m) Not wearing something for Halloween.
- n) Arrived late or left early.
- o) Ken G. for ignoring Allen G.

## **PROGRAM – POLIO ERADICATION UPDATE**



Kris Tsau, Advocacy Specialist with Rotary International, updated the club on Rotary's efforts to eradicate Polio from the globe and progress toward that goal.

Progress to date: Rotary started working on polio in 1984; the global collaborative effort was officially launched in 1988. At that time nearly 3,000 children were being paralyzed by polio every day. 2022 only 2 countries remain to be certified polio-free – Afghanistan and Pakistan. The number of reported cases now are 2 in Afghanistan and 20 in Pakistan. Thanks to the efforts of Rotary and our partners, there are 20 million people walking today.

A new strategy has been implemented to reach the remaining areas that incorporates current best practices and addressing security concerns. Thirty percent of the unvaccinated children have been reached during seven or eight recent PolioPlus campaigns. Progress is being made in Afghanistan and Pakistan. Little by little polio is being knocked out.

Polio anywhere is Polio everywhere. A few cases have been spread from Pakistan to Nigeria and Mozambique Africa and one case has been reported in New York in a community that is vaccine-hesitant with only 37% of its residents receiving any vaccines. We must be diligent and keep fighting the good fight.

Rotary's Role:

- Fundraising – raise and leverage funds to influence governments to contribute much needed funding. Any dollar given by Rotarians is matched 2:1 by the Gates Foundation. Rotary/Gates have contributed \$2.6 Billion toward the elimination of polio.
- Advocacy – Recent World Health Summit in Germany is an example. Keep governments at all levels focused on the goal.
- Raise Awareness – World Polio Day focuses on what Rotary is doing.
- Volunteer for an Immunization campaign