



Meeting on February 16, 2024

Greetings! Our meeting began in our usual way, with the Pledge, 4-Way Pact and an invocation from Jack L.

Club Business & Announcements

We were warned, informed and reminded:

1. Ted G has overcome the glitching in our accounting software.
2. Allen G reported that the Mexico Vacation (described as “phenomenal” by last year’s winner in the live auction from last year) is repeating this year.
3. Linda D & Gene W canceled the Chili Cookout for want of interest, although they noted that the “Hott Production” on April 6, 2024 is offered for your consideration....
4. Classic Chair Gayle (a) gave us exciting descriptions of the Paddle Pull prizes for the Mexico and the Tuscany trips (b) a dinner at Ditka’s in Oak Brook (c) earrings worth \$2,600 and more, and Gayle also encouraged any member who hasn’t turned in a ticket for the Classic Raffle should please get your tickets in. At least one. Please?
5. Jim F announced that March Madness still needs a couple more participants.

So with Announcements done, we turn to:



As usual, our membership did not disappoint:

Jeff M was happy to have survived the hot time he had at home when a heating pad decided to blow up, potentially taking Jeff with them!!!! That was scary! (But Jeff seems to be all right).

Roger S was very happy that Tom G sent him \$160,000.00. No kidding. (but they got things sorted and Roger was a good sport about sending it back).

Jim Fab was happy that Jeff M applied five “happy stickers” to Fabbrini’s Flowers new van.

Tom G thanked JimFab for the Steve Dahl surprise!

John S. (Coach) was happy that Feb. 16 was his third consecutive meeting that he attended!

Terry P was happy because Pat G sent him a birthday card! (which lead to screeching and howling and mental dysfunction – ah, the Friendly Club’s birthday song)!

Allen G was happy about Jeff M's haircut – (or was that fire damage?)

Debbie was happy about getting into the NAAC Tourney and happy with Bar Zone!

Eileen H was happy about something that looked like monster trucks and Jeff M.

Ted G was happy that Chris H fixed the damage to Ted's car (he was rear ended).

Mike Ericksen was happy around something about the number 93.

Amy was \$5 happy about her Mom & Dad's 47th wedding anniversary!

Gene W was happy that his daughter got a noted part in "Joe and Marie's Wedding", and also that JimFab sent flowers to Gene's Mom, and Gene was also happy that Taylor Swift got to the Super Bowl before the Lions, and finally,

Gillete J was happy to be finally sworn in as a member of the Friendly Club!!! Hurrah!

Was that enough Cool Happiness, yes? Yes!

Queen of Hearts

Linda D was lucky enough to have the QoH pick her name for the drawing but the naughty, naughty royal dodged Linda. How rude! Sorry Linda. And the search will continue next week for remaining Queens.

 **Finemastering** 

Then any good vibrations which remained from the happy things noted above fizzled and popped as Allen G once again took up the mantle of Master (of fines) and he used the Finemaster pin to burst the happy happy bubbles as he diligently went about his vocation and compulsion to pick our pockets and highlight our foibles (so many foibles) as the fining began, surprisingly, with three **passes**; one to Pat G, for being so nice to send us birthday cards, Barry C for all the work that he has done as our ticketer for the Classic, and to Rosemary J, who has worked half the time that Barry has, and so only got a 1/2 of the credit that Barry got (but mathematically, when you think about it, Barry got a complete pass – in other words, zero liability – and $.5 * 0 = 0$, and Rosemary was justifiably entitled to enjoy a pass as she worked tirelessly at Barry C's side.

It's all in the Math, the language of the universe.

Anyway,

Jeff M inspired this one. Who was the leading lady in the movie, the "Burning Bed?" Anyone who didn't know that it was Farrah Faucette paid \$2;

Anyone who did not put their coats in the closet got another \$2, or hasn't turned in a Silent Auction prize for the Classic;

Anyone not wearing Classic clothing article,
Or was sitting at a table with a soda bottle,
Or Debbie for not knowing what the NAACP,
Or Ted G for some reason that I didn't hear,
Or Gillette J, to be welcomed to the Club with a \$5 fine,
Or didn't say Hi! to our secret greeter, Robert F,
Or wasn't wearing their badge or pin,
And with that, mercifully, the Fining came to a close.

Program

The Program for this afternoon's luncheon was a detailed report by Holly F. of her recent trip to Columbia with a large number of our 6440 District and a very large contingent from the City of Chicago District's Rotarians. Holly was thorough in her report on her trip. The project was work on a nature center which was created in Columbia by Austrian missionary nuns 60 years ago. The goal was to build 3 dorms (18 rooms in each dorm). Gender composition was close to half-and-half of men to women. Each team member had a job to do.

The team was composed of Rotarians who were mostly from Chicago. Jim Wales, a retired local policeman (and the equivalent of our FBI) was with the group. He warned them to not go out alone at night.

Holly felt that the trip made her feel like (and be) part of a mission, mixing hard physical labor doing needful things that wouldn't be done without the Rotarian endeavor and will.

That's all folks! See you at the next meeting.