

DENNIS O'CONNELL'S PASSING

Dennis was a past president and served the community for decades as a long time member of the Club. He passed two weeks ago. A moment of silence was observed in his honor. Services will be held Saturday, May 21. Details were in a recent email.

GOOD NEWS

. Ten members have contributed \$100 to the Foundation's End Polio Now campaign. Please consider a donation by June 30.

. Dan, a guest, is the Mechanics Local 701 Training Director. His mission is to guide local high school grads to the auto mechanics field. He touts the great health benefits, pensions and eventual six figure incomes auto mechanics earn. Currently his program has 39 students and will have 70 by July. The trainees spend 2 and a half years in the program schooling one day and working full time in a Union shop the other days. The program is funded by Union members and local auto industry employers. Trainees will spend less than \$2000 for the training program but more than \$20,000 for their tools. The mechanics retirement rate has been alarmingly high and new blood is urgently needed. Vehicle donations are welcomed.

HAPPY DOLLARS

. Holly returned from Guatemala on a District 6440/6450 mission trip repairing a school. It was an amazing experience.

. PDG Mike completed five weeks of training to become a RI Visioning Trainer and will instruct in other Districts.

. Ted is now coaching his youngest son's baseball team. They won a great come-from-behind game and played like major leaguers.

- . John Selke will be a grandpa on June 8th.
- . Bonnie can see again!! She had successful double cataract surgeries.
- . Bill and Jeanne had a wonderful time at the Grand Canyon.
- . Gene, Allen and guest Julius were all happy with unheard comments.
- . Anastasia has completed District Membership Committee training.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

. Pat will send details regarding a May 24th Community COVID-19 candlelight vigil.

. The Butterfly Garden needs tending. Eileen has a sign-up sheet with monthly dates. The first is 9am June 4th. Mayor McCloud has an event there on June 8 and the Garden needs to look good. Please help. Others are welcome.

QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING

Nancy Redmon was the lucky winner but picked a 9 of clubs.

FUN & FROLIC - ALLEN GABE

. Allen and Chris attended a recent losing Sox game. Having spent more time in the car than they did at the game, all Sox fans paid big.

. Allen announced that the Friday Buzz writer is hereby exempt from that day's fines! (Thanks Allen.)

. Lots of members were wearing one of the new blue Club shirts and were fined because Allen didn't get the memo.

. It is National Frog and Apple Pie Day. Not Jumping Jacks.

. President Tom assumed couples would attend Dennis' funeral. He also didn't distinguish between the two Jean/Genes.

- . Sit with a guest or be fined. Late or talking.
- . If Cris's shop has worked on your car, \$2 please.
- . Not in the automotive industry? \$2.