

The Buzz

October 16,2020

Guests: Mike E. brought guest Nicole from G.G. Energy as a guest today.

Wes's Good News:

Wes found an article that showed data that fans of horror movies are better able to cope with the COVID-19 quarantine. Good news for Freddie Krueger fans.

A Japanese tourist who was stranded in Peru for the last 8 months due to the COVID-19 quarantine was granted special access to Machu Pichu. The Peruvian government ensured that he was given a personalized tour.

Here is a someone with fortitude! A pregnant Loyola of Chicago Law School student was taking the two-day Bar Exam when her waters broke, causing her to go into labor. Rather than panic, she ploughed through and finished the test, then delivered the baby. The results of her test are still TBD, but she does have a job lined up at a law firm. This writer believes that this lawyer is someone who will work diligently on the cases assigned to her.

Who's Happy?

- Holly was very happy to spend time outdoors enjoying the colors during this beautiful autumn weather
- Wes and his lovely wife and parents enjoyed the beautiful colors while traveling to and from Bedford, Pennsylvania, site of one of his internships.
- Eileen was VERY happy about the fantastic video that Tom G. created about the wonderful work done by our club. She was also happy about all the good work being done by the satellite club.
- Pat was super happy about another big BEARS win!!! (Thinking SUPER BOWL???)
- Wes was thankful for Tom's leading last week's Club meeting. He was also happy for the hard work done by Holly, Gayle and the other Vacation Drawing volunteers

Announcements:

Wes provided an update from the morning Board Meeting.

Jerry Wiseman and Anita Forte-Scott sadly presented letters of resignation from the club. They will be missed.

***** Due to the state's COVID-19 uptick, the club will return to meeting virtually for at least the next two weeks. When it was decided to return to meeting in person there were thresholds set as to when it might be necessary to return to virtual meetings. The decision was made to watch the numbers and if any of the pre-determined thresholds was reached, the club would return to virtual meetings only. Those numbers were:

- 2000 new cases of COVID-19 in a day
- 8% positivity rate
- Hospitalization rate staying consistent

Cook County's hospitalization rate was 15% in July but is currently closing in on 30%. The positivity rate has also been climbing this past week. That means two of the standards have been met to meet virtually.

The board is divided on how to meet and would like to wait until Wednesday, October 21st to make a decision on Friday the 23rd, however Chandler's needs a week's notice if the Club won't be meeting, so the decision had to be made today. The board did arrive at consensus on this decision, it was not just one person's idea or decision.

Much discussion followed with the result being that this disease is real and we all must take it seriously and follow the precautions set by the CDC. Meeting in person is great, but not at the risk of getting sick.

Tom will include any known cases of COVID-19 within the Club in his Wednesday email. **The plan once again is to meet virtually for the next two weeks and then watch for your Wednesday email to see what is planned for November 6th.**

Holly would like to meet next Friday in the parking lot of Chandler's and collect food for the food pantry and then go for a socially distanced, masked walk. Watch for her email with details.

Announcements continued:

Eileen will send an email about the POC craft fair. It was scheduled for next Friday but will need to be changed. Please watch for her email.

Fun and Frolic: The Fine Master was once again the illustrious Allen G.! \$2 for most fines, \$3 for those who didn't respond to the weekly question.

- Allen was disappointed that Brian T. left early but asked Bill K. to ensure that all elections are run fairly
- No pin, badge, etc. \$2
- Anyone leaving the meeting early \$3
- Steve L. was fined because his cigar smoke was so thick that Allen couldn't see him
- Pat was fined because the BEARS aren't good, they are just extremely lucky. All BEARS fans were fined
- Wes was fined for saying s—t twice at the board meeting
- Anyone whose background features a company logo (i.e. Loren) was fined \$5 for advertising
- Everyone was fined for our Club not being featured in this month's ROTARIAN. Allen thought we were a monthly column.
- Movie Question-\$2 for all whose names were mentioned:
 - Jack for best answer: He couldn't remember the last time he watched a movie
 - Ted for disappointing Allen by writing a non-argumentative answer-it was so unlike him
 - Jim F. responded first, but maybe didn't understand the question because he answered that the last movie, he saw that he really enjoyed was Adrift, but then said he wouldn't recommend it.
 - Heather, just because
 - Brian B. because for once he wasn't the first person to respond
 - Mary S. because she recommended El Camino because Clint Eastwood reminded her of her father
 - Gary A. because he said he laughed so hard that he cried at Practical Joker
 - George P. recommended The Secret Life of Walter Mitty (not certain if he meant the remake or the original)
 - Eileen loved the wonderful (editor's note) The Peanut Butter Falcon
 - No surprise that rarely optimistic Vince chose the Winston Churchill biopic Darkest Hour
 - Rachel and her children love The Greatest Showman and watch it many times a week and have memorized the soundtrack
- If by some weird chance you didn't receive a fine today, pay \$2 anyway.

Note from Allen: He and Chris went to Starved Rock and happened upon a festival in the small town of Utica. There was nary a mask in sight and that friends is why the numbers are going up. WEAR YOUR MASKS and SOCIALLY DISTANCE! Let's get this under control.

PROGRAM:

Rich Rosen of the Wheeling Rotary Club gave a presentation on the importance of Early Childhood Education and Literacy. He sent the presentation to Wes so all could review it. Please see Wes' email and review this important information.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.