

## Rotary Club of Schaumburg-Hoffman Estates, Illinois



# THE BUZZ

October 30, 2020

### **IN-PERSON/VIRTUAL ROTARY CLUB MEETING**

**IMPORTANT: SHOP WITH A COP. THE EVENT IS REDESIGNED, BUT THE NEED IS GREATER THAN EVER. See details on Page 3 and DONATE using the LINK.**

### **GUESTS**

Mary Bak - District Governor Nominee Designate; Suzanne Gibson immediate Past District Governor; Bill Kmiecek, District Governor Nominee; Officer Mark Wondolkowski, Hoffman Estates Police Department (Shop with a Cop).

### **SPOOKY NEWS OF THE WEEK**

- 1) Michigan woman died two months after being found alive at a funeral home.
- 2) British Columbia's twins share a brain and see out of each other's eyes, understand each other's thoughts, and move each other's lips.
- 3) This year we were treated to a RARE FULL MOON/BLUE MOON on Halloween (this won't happen again until 2039).

### **HAPPY DOLLARS**

Roger Smith's grandmother turned 98 and is still very sharp.  
Bob Fleisher saw Bonnie & Jim and reported that Bonnie is doing well and feeling great.  
Ted Gross' carpet was finally replaced following a basement flood in March.  
Brian Burg left for two weeks in Florida.  
Wes Crocket got the new 5G iPhone 12.  
Mary Jo Shepard's daughter is already connecting with a Fishing Well mentor.  
Eileen Higginbotham thanked Lauren Chilvers and all mentors.

### **MORE SPOOKY NEWS OF THE WEEK**

- 4) Prairie Dogs have highly a sophisticated language and communicate with each other.
- 5) NASA has found water on the moon.

### **CLUB SURVEY RESPONSE**

Wes Crocket and Gary Anderson addressed a club members' concern: "Why am I working so hard to build up the club's savings account?" The Foundation's Unrestricted Net Assets has \$370K - money that can fund projects that come up and as a need arises. This is not a savings account, but rather unrestricted net assets. The club leadership's goal with the budget is to break even. Unrestricted Net Assets can be used to fund projects not in the club budget. Gary Anderson promised more frequent Foundation account updates in the future. Eileen Higginbotham pointed out that \$12.5K was directed to COVID-19 relief. Glenn Szurgot announced the next Foundation Board meeting - December 11 at 10:30AM.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 1) Wes Crocket shared his history of anxiety and his commitment to weekly meetings with a psychologist. He wants to help de-stigmatize mental health.
- 2) Tom Gosche has sent all members links to pay fines, happy dollars and club dues. Also links to YouTube recordings of past meetings.
- 3) Bob Fleisher is looking for speakers since two upcoming speakers have cancelled. Please help Bob out.

## **YET MORE SPOOKY NEWS OF THE WEEK**

- 6) Johnny Clem (August 13, 1851 was a United States Army general who served as a drummer boy in the Union Army in the American Civil War. He gained fame for his bravery on the battlefield, becoming the youngest noncommissioned officer in Army history.
- 7) A school superintendent was quoted: "We have decided that few childhood acts remain unchanged due to COVID-19, and we will maintain the hope of children by calling actual snow days due to inclement weather. Snow days are chances for on-site learners and virtual learners to just be kids by playing in the snow, baking cookies, reading books, and watching a good movie. These are times for memory-making, and we believe these types of opportunities should remain intact.

## **FINE MASTER - Allen Gabe**

Fines were bestowed on those:

- who were not wearing the blue "People of Action" Rotary t-shirt.
- who were late, no pin, no Rotary attire.
- who had not contacted a fellow Rotarian during the week. Allen called Don Minor last week and found out about a Jan's mother's serious illness. Reach out to Jan and Don.
- who did not respond to the week's question: "What would you change about yourself; why?" Some responses include:
  - Vince Sanasardo's mother always told him he was perfect.
  - Darrell Moon would like to come out of his shell.
  - Mike Ericksen, the last to respond, would change nothing. Same for Eileen Higginbotham who said she would have by now.
  - Ted Gross thought the question was too personal in nature.
  - Bob Fleisher would not be so judgmental.
  - Bill Kelley would change his socks.
  - Rosemary Justen, and several others, would like to be taller.
  - Jean Schlinkmann wishes she liked wine and beer more so she could more thoroughly enjoy time with Vickie and friends.
- Jack Lucas was fined for not giving Allen points on Saturday's game and for not responding when invited to do the invocation.
- Mary Bak for picking on our President Wes Crocket.
- Anyone wearing a hat.
- Since this month's Rotarian magazine did not contain an article about our club, those whose picture was in the magazine during the past 12 months were fined again.

## **STILL MORE SPOOKY NEWS OF THE WEEK**

- 8) Playful Big Boy - black stallion enjoys playing with large balls.

## **SHOP WITH A COP**

Officer Mark Wondolkowski and Jean Schlinkmann expressed heartbreak that this could be the first time in 25 years the police department would not support all the kids and families that so desperately need help. Shop with a Cop fund-raisers have been drastically curtailed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and it is difficult asking residents for donations because so many are struggling right now. Officer Mark expressed sincere gratitude to our club members for their continued support.

Jean Schlinkmann has reported: Due to COVID-19 squashing most of their fund-raising events, like the NFL football squares and BeerFest, the event will not be able to reach the 93 children and families it did last year. They continue to raise funds, hoping to give gift cards to as many families as possible despite not being able to host the “shopping” with a Cop and Santa breakfast at the Marriott.

As in previous years the club has budgeted \$1000 for this event plus \$500 from Community Service discretionary account. In addition, in the past members have individually purchased \$50 squares to participate in the HEPD charitable foundation’s NFL football pool. Today, I’m asking you to pay that \$50 forward to support those families in need this holiday season. If you haven’t participated in the football pool, your contributions are welcomed and needed.

Here is a link to the Square credit card system that has been set up specifically for Shop with a Cop. Tom Gosche and Jean Schlinkmann have also sent the link to all club members via email.

***Please act now. It’s for the kids....really!***

<https://checkout.square.site/merchant/EEJEP5PF2KBG9/checkout/VRLBL42ONFORPUT4Y-O7P7IRV>

## **PROGRAM - EMPTY SHOES / EMPTY HEARTS**

Our Satellite Club sponsored this heartwarming event that brought community leaders together to highlight the impact of youth suicide. Please view these two incredible videos.

Created by Tom Gosche: Butterfly Garden/ Empty Shoes Picture Video (2 Mins): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FxuvzpfrQUE>

Children’s Advocacy Center “Empty Shoes, Empty Hearts Day”: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cs8i78k0RPc>

## **SPECIAL REQUEST**

President Wes asked all members to be sensitive to the feelings of people following Tuesday’s election. Approximately half of US residents will be disappointed in the results. Also do not participate in spreading unconfirmed news and hearsay.

Enjoy this incredible weather this week.

Reported by: Rosemary Justen