



# FRIDAY, February 24, 2023

Brian Berg called our illustrious meeting to order at 12:15

Jim M led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance

Mike O led us in the 4-way Pact

Jack L gave the Invocation

Guests of the Club included: visiting Rotarian Andre Adams of the Carol Stream Rotary Club and Gilette Johnson of the Barrington Breakfast Club; Fishing Well Grant Recipients Mary and Angelica; Harper College Foundation Grant Administrator Brenda Escutia, who also happens to be a Harper Alumna; and Peter Caboor.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

March 12th is our social outing to the Flower Show at Lincoln Park, which we know will be spectacular.

NCAA Pool fundraiser is being circulated. Contact Jim F to win big \$\$\$ and help the kids.

Rachel H's Installation Dinner is on June 29th. Mark your calendars!

Basket donations are being accepted for the Classic

Project Selection application deadline is March 1<sup>st</sup>. Please feel free to volunteer to help Tom G recommend worthy projects this year.

Gayle V reminded us all to sell tickets and sponsorships and gather silent auction items for our Classic.

# HAPPY DOLLARS

Don M, Terry P, and Gayle V happy about their excursion down to St Martin. Don looked like he came right from the island!

Tom G's son landed a long-term substitute teaching job at Conant H.S.

Roger S will be having a steak dinner with his grandson and will spare no expense at Outback Steakhouse

Steve L gave \$100 to welcome his first grandson (3<sup>rd</sup> grandchild) into our world!

Randy G is doubly happy to pair a speaking engagement in Vegas with a visit to his sister.

Jeff M will be receiving a ERC Credit for retaining his employees during the pandemic.

Vince's grandson landed a job as Assistant Superintendent of a golf course in Gurnee

Loren T, not to be out done by our travelling Rotarians, is happy to be back from Antartica

Terry P for the stability of Rotary

Marie P for the gift of Rotary

Wes C for being named as one of the top 40 under 40 home remodelers

Eileen H for wonderful Fishing Well Recipients

Roger S for Renee telling him how sexy he looks loading the clothes from the washer to the dryer

Gene for his daughter landing the leading role at show at Metropolis

Brian B for Jeff M making what I believe will be he winning political signs carrying Brian across the finish line as a Schaumburg Park District Commissioner when we ALL vote next month.

Your intrepid Buzzer, Bill Kelley, for a wonderful trip to Palm Springs with the love of his life and receiving a Rotary Fellowship Exchange prospective lead in Europe from visiting Rotarian Andre.

#### QUEEN of HEARTS

Jean Schlinkman's ticket was pulled but did not cash in

#### **BIRTHDAYS**

Ted G and Terry P were given the club's infamous rendition of Happy B-Day. No worries about copywriting our version.

## **FINEMASTER**

Jeff M schooled us on the background and history of Pickleball-the fastest growing sport in a generation Bruce D was fined for mispronouncing OOPA Tom G for scarfing an appetizer Don M for wearing shorts...in THIS weather!

## FISHING WELL PRESENTATION

Eileen H and Heather Z gave an outstanding presentation on one of our club's signature grants on this 7 year anniversary of our first award and the fountainhead of the ACE and ACE II GRANTS. The dedicated hardworking FW Committee includes Eileen, Don M, Roger S, Bruce D, and Jean S. Pat G is our esteemed administrator of the ACE II Grant while Jean S administered the ACE grant. Lauren C was absolutely phenomenal as is the entire Harper staff, POC and everyone who has mentored a student.

73 scholarships since 2016
17 students in the 2022-2023 class, 9 are new, 8 continuing \$53,600 awarded this year
Outstanding Persistence rating (86% vs 69% college wide)
49 students have so far received credentials or degrees

More importantly lives have been transformed with new careers earning sustainable wages. Well done Rotarians and our partners.

### 4 WAY TEST

Heather Z lead us in the 4 Way test to close our meeting