



FRIDAY, AUGUST 28, 2026 ~ CLUB MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President Ted Gross at 12:15.

The Pledge was led by Gary Anderson.

The Four Way Pact was led by George Panopoulos.

The Invocation was given by Jack Lucas.

GUESTS

Holly introduced her special friend Ian.

Anita introduced soon-to-be-inducted new member Scott Davis of the Schaumburg Township District Library.

Jim McCulla introduced Joe Sabatino of the A.M. Club.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Joe Sabatino announced the A.M. Club's annual Blues, Bourbon and BBQ event. It will be held on October 10th at the Al Larson Cultural Center. This year the Blues are replaced by the "Folsom Prison Experience" (i.e., Johnny Cash) and the event is catered by the CCK.
- On behalf of Ed Haag, Brian Berg announced that the Foundation Board includes Ed as Chairman, Brian as Treasurer and Gillett as Secretary.
- Don Minor discussed having spent the morning at Hoffman Estates HS reviewing the Automotive program. There are 15 new applicants this year. Looking for sustainability, a 501-C named Project Toolkit has been created.
- Mary reminded us of the District 6440 New Member Orientation Meeting to be held on September 11th (12:00 to 3:00 p.m.) at Rotary International HQ in Evanston. Contact Mike E. if you are interested in carpooling.
- Ted announced that the club will not be an official participant in the District's World's Largest Polio Walk on October 24th. You can walk with another participating club if you wish to walk. The Roadside Clean-up will stay on the calendar on October 24th.
- Ted announced that family, personal and/or business considerations will cause the following members to be less active in the months ahead: Rachel, George Dunn and Wes. Rachel's absence will require some support in lining up lunch speakers.

HAPPY DOLLARS

\$ Scott was \$5 happy to be joining the club, for his mom's hip replacement and the birthday of one of his children.

\$ Brian was \$5 happy to mark his dad's birthday and Pete Justen's 90th birthday.

\$ Chuck was \$5 happy to mark the birth of his 10th great-grandchild,

\$ Gillett was happy to be hosting tonight the Wine Sensory Program and Dinner that he generously offered during the 2026 Classic. Allen Gabe and family will be enjoying the evening with Gillett and Dawn.

\$ Wendy was \$20 happy to be back from Michigan and that her dad is recovering nicely.

\$ Darrel was \$20 happy to have visited his 60th HS reunion in Rochester, Minn.

\$ Holly was \$10 happy to be back after a trip to Scotland.

\$ Pat was \$5 grateful to those who attended Wednesday night's Fireside Chat.

\$ Allen was \$5 happy for Pat hosting the Fireside Chat, and for Gary stepping up to run the meeting.

\$ Eileen was \$2 happy for such a beautiful day.

\$ Anita was \$15 happy to have been named her company's Culture Champion of the Year.

\$ Ted was \$10 happy to thank Gary and Anita for stepping up during a busy period at work for him. He was also happy that his son had received some tool kit program training and is now the household mechanic.

FUN & FROLIC

Fine Master Allen Gabe then went to work. All fines were \$2 unless noted otherwise.

- Anyone not wearing their Rotary pin.
- Anyone not wearing their Rotary badge.
- Anyone not wearing Rotary attire.
- Anyone wearing Rotary attire without the Schaumburg-Hoffman Estates logo.
- Anyone late to the meeting
- Anyone with no women at their table.
- \$5 for anyone with no guests at their table.
- \$5 for anyone who signed up for the Fireside Chat and did not show up.
- Anyone who has not turned in their vacation drawing tickets.
- Debbie Schmidt for talking on her phone after the meeting started.
- \$5 for Scott Davis for being a new member.
- \$5 for Anita for giving Scott his membership badge before he was inducted.
- \$3 for anyone having travelled to Scotland without playing golf or drinking any scotch.
- Joe Sabatini for no particular reason, apparently just being Joe.

While at the lectern, Allen mentioned that Holly and Ian had donated a week at their Panama condo for the Classic.

PROGRAM

Anita and Ted inducted Scott Davis as a member.

The rest of the program was devoted to Ted's discussion of the Club's (and the Foundation's) 2026-27 budget. **The Club budget has been distributed and will be voted on at the September 11th lunch meeting.** The Foundation budget was approved by the Foundation Board last month – it is not subject to full membership approval.

Here are some highlights of Ted's discussion and the subsequent Q&A session.

- Ted's busy schedule has resulted in some billing delays. **June, July and August bills will be coming soon.**
- Gary now has the checkbook, and he and Anita have Quickbooks access.
- **The Club has \$32,000 in the bank**, with a few liabilities (District dues, August lunches payable to Chandler's, Rotary International dues) that could reduce it by \$10K or so. The balance will be replenished by the upcoming member invoicing. A strong balance raises the possibility of making a donation to the Foundation.
- The Club's cash balance has been enhanced by our Presidents not taking the budgeted international trip for a couple of years.
- Chandler's has raised the price of our lunches from \$22.50 per person to \$25.00 per person. This will not be passed on to the members due to our strong financial position.
- Our membership level is stable.
- **The 2026-27 budget presentation lacks a comparison to the 2025-26 actual results.** The delays in getting information to the bookkeeper made that comparison unavailable. It should be presented at some point in September.
- George P. made a (tongue-in-cheek?) suggestion to eliminate Fun & Frolic given the Club's strong cash balance. No second motion was made.
- Areas of **year-over-year increases** were Russell Hampton shipping expenses, and certain professional fees.
- A number of other line items were discussed. Some of them, like the Installation Luncheon and Fellowship Meetings, are pass-through events where the income = expenses.
- The Holiday Party will be at Chandler's this year (December 18th). There was some discussion on a sit-down meal vs. serving stations. No conclusion was reached.
- The **Marble Raffle** has been tied up with technical issues. A suggestion was made by Gary to go forward with an all-cash approach. That suggestion was met with general approval. Bring your cash to the next meeting – September 11th. No meeting next week (Labor Day Weekend).

The 4 Way Test was led by Scott Davis, and Ted adjourned the meeting at 1:25 p.m.