



FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 2021 ~ IN-PERSON/VIRTUAL CLUB MEETING

22 members/guests were present at Chandlers; 18 attended virtually.

GUESTS



Vitaliy Bezrodnov – International Culture Exchange – today’s speaker.

List Crocket, President Wes Crocket’s mother and Member Don Crocket’s wife (*note: Wes was fined for not introducing his mom at the beginning of the meeting*).

GOOD NEWS



- 1) Tennessee man lost a \$1 million lottery ticket, but then found it in the parking lot after someone stepped right over it.
- 2) Krispy Kreme said this week that it would give one glazed doughnut per day for the rest of the year to anyone who provides proof of the Covid-19 vaccination.
- 3) A couple received their COVID vaccines last week at Fenway Park in Boston, 54 years after they first met there.

HAPPY DOLLARS



Holly Fath was visiting with Rotarians in Florida.

Darrell Moon and wife Debbie received their COVID vaccines.

Wes Crocket received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine while on a mini-vacation of golf and hiking in Carbondale.

Don Crocket was delighted that his wife Lisa joined him at lunch.

Bill Kelley – GO RAMBLERS!

Jim Ahlgrim was happy to be among Rotarian friends at lunch.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Nancy Redmon wants everyone to SAVE THE DATE – JUNE 24 CLUB INSTALLATION (aka Wes’s Expiration Date). Nancy is hopeful the event will be in person, but will consider offering virtual as needed.

QUEEN OF DIAMONDS



Rachel Hubsch’s name was chosen on the big wheel. Since Rachel was not at the meeting, the lowest available number (# 1) revealed the four of clubs. Sorry, Rachel.

FINE MASTER ~ Allen Gabe



Pat Groenewold received a pass from fines because she sent Allen a birthday card.

Wes Crocket was fined for not introducing his mother and for calling the Queen of Hearts raffle the Queen of Diamonds raffle, which sparked a bit of debate.

The usual fines were levied (no Rotary attire; no response to the Fun & Frolic question; did not reach out to a fellow Rotarian; no pin; late; no badge or did not bring a guest to the in-person meeting).

Anyone who did not order a club hoodie.

All at Chandlers who were eating and not paying attention to Allen on screen.



Responses to Fun & Frolic Question (attached) ~ Allen was impressed with fine submissions. Club question ~ who was a member of the dash relay on her high school track team that won the state championship? Was it Holly, Jodi, Eileen, Rosemary or Heather? (answer at the end).

Jim Fabbrini, Ted Gross and Mike Ericksen were fined for their excellent responses (definitely worth a read!)

PROGRAM ~ Vitaliy Bezrodnov ~ International Culture Exchange



Vitaliy was Born in the South of Soviet Union, now South Kazakhstan. He went to Music College and Conservatory in Russia. In 1994 he immigrated to the United States.

Vitaliy was introduced to Rotary on the Russian-American district Conference in the 90s in Denver, Colorado. Later, he became member of the Lakewood-Rocky River Rotary Club (Cleveland area), Ohio. Since 2007, he is a member of Rotary Club of Fuquay-Varina, North Carolina,

Vitaliy is the Founder and Coordinator of the **Rotary Children's Fund**. www.RotaryChildrensFund.org. Its mission includes:

1. Allowing young artists & musicians worldwide to share their gifts and talents. To introduce the culture of their country to the American people and learn about the United States of America.
2. Improving good will between the people of America and other countries. Developing a better understanding of cultures, music and traditions. Building Cultural Bridges.
3. Providing financial support to orphans and other children in need.

Since 2003, Vitaliy is also the Coordinator for **Cultural Youth Exchange Program Golden Gates** (Russia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Lithuania, Armenia, Serbia, Croatia, etc.). Each Group comes to tour the US for 2-4 weeks with the cultural Program and performs for 15-50,000 people (students/seniors/others) per tour.

The goal of the Culture Youth Exchange program is to make the world a better place by fostering understanding about different cultures. The program hopes to resume its travels in August.

Vitaliy led us in the Four Way Test and added a Fifth Test: Will It Be FUN?