

Rotary Club of Schaumburg-Hoffman Estates, Illinois



THE BUZZ

January 29, 2021

VIRTUAL ROTARY CLUB MEETING

CLASSIC 2021 - SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 2021 - BUY YOUR TICKETS ONLINE

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GUESTS

Emma Davenport, a Senior at Schaumburg High School who, at the onset of the pandemic, connected with The Masks Now Coalition to make and distribute masks in our local area. Now the IL State Lead, she asked for our help by: 1) sewing masks; 2) donating to their GoFundMe page to help with shipping costs; or 3) spread the word about the coalition. Contact Emma at: masksnowil@gmail.com or 847-496-0390.

Michele Napier, the Schaumburg High School Blessings in a Backpack Liaison thanked our club for its continued support. This year the program is supporting 28 families to put food on the table.

Terry Abrahamson, In the Belly of the Blues, the program presenter.

GOOD NEWS OF THE WEEK - Presented by Jean Schlinkmann

- 1) Rose, a dedicated cleaning lady at a condo in NYC was presented the keys to her own apartment with a 2-year lease paid for by its tenants. Rose's emotional reaction was very touching.
- 2) A hospital in Italy has created a "hug room" with a special plastic sheet that allows visitors and patients with COVID-19 to safely embrace.
- 3) Oregon health care workers this week braved a snowstorm and skeptical motorists in a successful effort to keep six COVID-19 vaccine doses (about to expire) from going to waste.

HAPPY DOLLARS

Jack Lucas for Tom Brady, a University of Michigan alumnus, going to the Super Bowl.

Gayle Vandenberg for obtaining a COVID vaccine appointment in FL set for Wednesday (2/3).

Bonnie McCulla for all the cards and well wishes from her Rotary family.

Jim McCulla for Jamesons' re-opening and for their COVID vaccine appointments on 2/2.

Terry Parke for obtaining an appointment in Jacksonville, FL, a five-hour drive away.

Holly Fath looks forward to the subject line of Tom Goshe's weekly emails.

Julie Clark thanked Barry & Marilyn Christian for sponsoring the fees associated with producing high quality Classic entertainment.

Lauren Chilvers for her son turning 9 years old.

Brian Berg for Chandlers' re-opening; he and wife Julie had 5PM reservation Friday night.

Jean Schlinkmann for the closing out of ACE I that provided 72 semester hours of tuition; 30 people were awarded scholarships; 25 have graduated; 3 are finishing in May; and 2 were faced with COVID challenges. Jean thanked Lauren C, all the mentors, and all committee members.

Gary Anderson for ILHSA allowing volleyball and soccer to return to high school sports. Gary's daughter, a Freshman at Hoffman Estates High School, plays both.

Bill Landwer for Mimi.

Wes Crocket had karma dollars for the trouble a person encountered following their attempt to use Mahogany Builders' license for a renovation job.

Rachel Hubsch's niece is coming to help with remote learning so she can return to work and come to more of our weekly meetings.

Glenn Szurgot for he and Joyce getting their COVID vaccines, for their son Scott visiting from FL, and for their neighbors clearing their driveway.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1) Tom Gosche played a lively Classic promo video and announced that he has started work on the Classic production video. **SELL AND BUY CLASSIC TICKETS TODAY!!**
- 2) Holly thanked the 15 members who ordered spirit wear and urged others to get their orders in ASAP.
- 3) Pat Groenewold said the Project Selection Application has been uploaded to our club's website. Please forward it if you are a community partner liaison. Pat is looking for a couple more committee members; selections will be made the end of March with presentation to the club in April.
- 4) Nancy Redmon gave a shout out to Don Minor and Bob Fleisher for braving the cold to distribute gift cards to POC/HEC recipients. There will be one more distribution day and it should be indoors.
- 5) Julie Clark thanked Lisa Crocket for her efforts to secure additional Classic sponsors and Tom Gosche for the promo video. As of 1/29 sponsorships totalled \$64K (about half of last year) and 142 tickets are in, of which 40 were sponsor tickets (102 tickets sold so far). We have a long way to go - **SELL/BUY CLASSIC TICKETS!** Julie Clark has a limited number of printed tickets; if you need them contact her.
- 7) MaryJo Shepard - there will be a food drive at the Sears Center's parking lot on Super Bowl Saturday.

QUEEN OF HEARTS RAFFLE

Nancy Redmon/John Selke's ticket was drawn. Nancy chose the card that revealed the QUEEN of Clubs. They won 10% of the pot - approximately \$700. Congratulations, Nancy and John.

Tom Gosche reported that members can sign up for automatic weekly ticket purchases. Watch for Tom's Wednesday email.

FINE MASTER - Allen Gabe

No pin; late; no Rotary attire; no contact with a fellow Rotarian; no response to the weekly question; wearing a tie (made others look bad); no guest; no sold Classic tickets nor sponsorship; all those attending from afar.

Allen officially welcomed Sosi to the club with her first fine.

Wes for dancing.

Anyone who did not know the author of The Four Way Pact (Howard 'Doc' Baker, the club's charter President).

Anyone who did not applaud our two guests.

Gayle for having to ask Terry where her COVID appointment was.

Tom G. for dissing fellow members.

Nancy & John for winning money in the Queen of Hearts Drawing.

Allen received quite a few responses to his question - list attached to this email. Many had to do with good health and caring for others. Some notable ones that received fines:

Jodie B - wanted a daily wish for the rest of her life.

Holly sent in the last response.

Jim F. is holding out for a genie who grants 3 wishes.

Mike E. - no wish because he'd probably make things worse.

Jim Mc wants to be taller so he doesn't get a sore neck while talking with Steve Lamp.

PROGRAM

In The Belly Of The Blues Terry Abrahamson wrote Grammy-winning music with Muddy Waters, traveled with him, got him gigs, did countless champagne runs and played hours of a card game called "Casino" with him until Muddy's death in 1983.

If you missed Friday's meeting, you missed fabulous blues tunes and wonderful stories of how certain people from Mississippi who were stripped of their culture, language, and identity shaped the birth of rock & roll bands.

We were treated to "Rollin' Stone" by Muddy Waters, as well as the music of the Harlem Wolf Band, Hound Dog Taylor, Blind Jim Brewer, George Thorogood (Boston College's fight song "Champs Again"), Clarence Clemons, among others.

Terry A. shared many photos of himself with Muddy Waters through the years, as well as stories about rap sessions with Muddy W. and the Rolling Stones, encounters with Dan Akroyd and John Belushi, and a clip from The Trials of Rosie O'Neill starring Sharon Glass (she defended a blues singer/songwriter).

Terry Abrahamson has authored two books: 1) In the Belly of the Blues and 2) The Blues Parade. You can catch him on February 7 on Northwestern University's Blues Radio Show.

Terry's email: terryabrahamson@gmail.com. Website: <https://www.inthebellyoftheblues.com>.

Thank you, Bob Fleisher for bringing us this thoroughly entertaining program.

Reported by: Rosemary Justen