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November 13, 2020

Pres Wes rang the bell for our Friday meeting on this fine Friday afternoon. And those Rotarians remotely present rose to recite the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-Way Pact and heard an invocation. As no guests were present, we segued right to the “good news” part of the program, beginning with the impossible golfer’s water skipping Master’s Championship hole in one; followed by Tiger Woods’ incredible chip-in shot from a bunker into the hole at another Master’s Championship; and also an interview with Steve Milton about capturing Tiger’s chip-in golf shot (which took 3 minutes but was worth it).

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Darrell M was happy to have driven to Wickenburg, AZ (with Debbie of course) to Charlie’s (a supper club) and mask-less, ordered a 26 oz Porterhouse Steak (Pres Wes did remind him that two members of the Club are dealing with Coronavirus issues now);

Announcements

Roger S is coordinating the Toys For Tots drive this year, and he will buy the toy if you wish to give him \$20; otherwise, deliver your \$20+ toy to his office in Schaumburg.

Jean S reports that 33 Rotarians gave \$2,928 to the Shop with a Cop, which sum was matched by the Foundation, and that plus \$1500 of Club or Foundation budgeted funds generated a total contribution of \$7,356 from our little Rotary Club – and Jean is so proud of us.

Tom G updated us on the Queen of Hearts game. We will do it virtually. Look for an email from Tom next week with a Queen of Hearts link that you can use to buy tickets (for \$1 or 6 for \$5). Tom and his helpers worked out a way for the winning ticket will be chosen, and then the owner of the winning ticket will be able to pick a playing card from the large QoH card (displayed by video). A 9:00 am Friday morning deadline will apply for the following Friday afternoon’s drawing. A discussion of the details of the program ensued which was quite interesting.

Then, we did another good news video involving a soldier returning home which surprised his young son who literally jumped out of the window of a parked car into his father’s arms and then hugged him so hard that he would never let go! (Good thing we stocked up on Kleenex at our

last Costco/Sam's Club run); and a Lake Forest resident who is working to be an officer; and a video (previously unseen by your Buzzer) of a disabled former jazz player whose consciousness returned when his friends began to play their instruments (a la Henry – for those who remember Henry, the Alzheimer's patient who came back to life when the music plays).

Finemastering

From those exalted heights, we collectively descended into the abyss wherein lies the land of the Anti-4 Way Test administered by Finemaster Uncle Jim, who began by fining:

Pres. Wes for pummeling us with good news;

Mike E, George P, Ed H. and Gary A, because they cried during the Tiger Woods story;

Vince S was “git” by our Finemaster because he was looking for a “question” from Allen G, who obviously wasn't here, so instead he got this question from Jimmy: “How much are you going to pay!!!!!!!!!!!!;”

Don C was fined for living on the 6th floor of a building in Schaumburg, and having his new windows installed in his condo on that scary windy day this past week;

Tom G was fined for omitting the “first” in the Four Way Pact this afternoon;

Darrell M was fined for eating that 26 oz steak, and because he didn't eat it all, he was required to show his leftover porterhouse and pay a \$5 fine;

Just because Jim saw something funny on Tic Tock, everyone who doesn't have Tic Tock on their “equipment” was fined;

Latecomers, Rotarians who did not reach out to a Veteran this week, and anyone who isn't going to the virtual meeting with the Bloomingdale Club were all appropriately fined.

And with that, mercifully, the fining sputtered to a close.

Program

Tom Quitno is a golf course architect with Lohmanquinto. Tom designed the Schaumburg Park District Golf Course. Tom described the several physical conditions as well as playability issues which were addressed by the renovations to the course which were done this past Spring and Summer. The renovations included installations of new drainage systems in the greens. The old material removed from the greens was used to create a small berm on the far side of the greens (to prevent your ball from rolling off and away from the pin). Some greens were expanded along the water hazards. Bunkers were rebuilt to give options for all of the ways that different golfers approach a particular green. The bunkers were lined with new pea gravel to which the workers applied a spray that helped them all drain better, then covered the greens with high quality sand

and turf to insure that the bunkers will last another 20 years or so. Holes 25 and 26 were subject to constant flooding (often closing those holes after moderate rainfall). Those holes were reconfigured, and the flooding was addressed by redirecting the drainage to the driving range. On the whole course, Life Tees were installed to allow golfers to be able to match the length of the fairways played to their skills.

Tom's firm is planning "short game" options which increase the options of golfers, from smaller courses to specialized "chipping" or "putting" & cet. areas at which people can hone their skills. Tom got started in the golf architect field because he was a golfer when he was a kid. In college, he studied landscaping architecture and met a teacher who taught golf course architecture/landscaping. From that encounter, Tom's career was launched.

Tom's favorite local golf courses include Shore Acres in Lake Bluff and Pine Hills in Sheboygan, WI (fun, crazy greens). He thinks that Sand Valley will be added to his list, if he ever gets a chance to go there.

And with that, Pres. Wes rang the virtual bell on another fine virtual meeting of the Friendly Club! See you next week!