

The Buzz

November 20, 2020

Meeting via WEBEX only and we were ahead of the curve as Tier 3 regulations went into effect at 12:01 this morning. Let's wear our masks, keep our distance, wash our hands and be careful out there.

- Meeting was called to order at 12:15 with the striking of the whiskey bottle.
- Ted G. led the Pledge of Allegiance
- Glenn S. led the Four Way Pact
- Brian B. led the invocation

Wes's Good News:

- A constable in India received the nation's first "Out of Turn" promotion for his work finding missing children. He has found 76 missing children and 64 have been reunited with their families.
- IF you have \$46 lying around you can purchase a one square foot of land in England and become a Lord/Lady. A man in England purchased a large tract of land and is selling it square foot by square foot to those who wish to join the ranks of British landowners.
- Fun fact: 40% of all Campbell's cream of mushroom soup is purchased to make green bean casserole!

Who's Happy?

- Glenn S. was happy that he spent money on his son's college education. He joined NASA a few years ago and this week was instrumental in the launch of the recent SpaceX launch. Gee Glenn, your son IS a rocket scientist.
- Juli L. was happy that her nephew was finally able to return from France. They are also having a rough go with COVID-19
- Nancy R. is finally feeling a bit better after her bout of COVID-19 and was able to join the meeting today. She stresses the need to take this seriously: she was with a group of seven friends and six of them got COVID-19
- Brian B. was happy to report that he and his wife waited for four hours in line at Arlington Park Racecourse to be tested and his came back negative. His wife tested positive, so Brian assumes he had a mild case and has recovered
- Darrell M. was happy to see John S. on today's WEBEX meeting.

Announcements:

Roger reminded the Club that next week's meeting is the annual joint meeting with the Bloomingdale Club. If you ordered your box lunch, don't forget to pick it up. The meeting will be virtual. Watch for an email with details to come in the next couple of days. Also, thank you to those who have dropped off toys or given donations for the Toys for Tots. Please see the email sent by Roger earlier this week for additional details.

THANKS TO TOM G. WE HAVE THE RETURN OF THE QUEEN OF HEARTS RAFFLE!!!

An email was sent by Tom earlier this week giving information as to how to buy tickets. Next week's email will give information on how to create a standing order that will be charged to your card each week.

This week's winner was Ted G. It took QUITE a while for Tom to get the number off Ted's chosen card. Sadly, it was the Jack of Clubs, so Ted did not win the pot.

While we waited for Tom to get the cover off the card, Wes gave us more good news:

He learned this week that those high stacks of towels displayed at Bed, Bath and Beyond are a sham! They are foam backed display cases with only one towel in front,

Also, saw on the internet a restaurant's door sign that read: Hungry? No \$, No Problem, Come on in. Quite inspiring. Let's hope that business stays in business with the shutdowns.

ANOTHER ANNOUCEMENT:

George P. announced that the Classic will be planned as a virtual event this year. He and Julie C. are the 2021 chairs. This year's theme is "Celebrating our Everyday Heroes." All Club members are also heroes and will be featured in a video to be shown at the event. A benefit of planning it as virtual is the low overhead cost.

Fun and Frolic: George then started his gig as Fine Master. He set the limit at \$3 tops. None of those puny no badge, late, etc. fines this week.

All fines were based on Rotary Classic Fun Facts.

1. What is The Classic's true purpose?
 - a. Big party
 - b. Major fundraiser
2. Who was the first Classic chair to net over \$100K?
 - a. Barry C.
 - b. Allen G.
 - c. Jean & Rosemary
 - d. George
3. Who are the 2021 Classic Chairs?
 - a. Julie C. & Ted
 - b. Julie C. & Allen
 - c. Julie C. & Mike O.
 - d. Julie C. & George
4. The Classic is easy to run and volunteers are not needed
 - a. True
 - b. False
5. The 2020 Classic was scheduled to be held at
 - a. The Hoffman Estates Marriott
 - b. The Schaumburg Hyatt
 - c. The Schaumburg Marriott
6. The sponsorship goal for 2021 is
 - a. \$80K
 - b. \$90K
 - c. \$150K
 - d. ONE MILLION DOLLARS!
7. The 2021 Classic will be held on
 - a. March 20, 2021
 - b. March 27,2021
 - c. March 13, 2021

If your guess was the last answer of each question, you owe no fines. If not, please pay a \$1 per wrong answer to the fun and frolic site on the email from Tom G.

One last fine. If you didn't get a fine or if you haven't contacted George to be a Classic Sponsor this year, pay a \$1. You may contact George before the end of the year in order to get 2020 tax benefits for sponsorship.

PROGRAM:

Our own Bill K. was today's program. Bill gave a very interesting talk and this writer learned quite a bit of new information about our friend. Here are some highlights:

Bill's parents lived in the west side of Chicago neighborhood of Austin when he was born. (In "Chicago-speak" that would be the St. Thomas Aquinas parish.)

He doesn't remember anything about living in Chicago, but family history shows him to have been a felon at a very young age. He rolled over his brother's arm and broke it and he and his brother's felt sorry that his parents' weren't getting mail, so took mail from their neighbor's boxes and placed in their parent's mailbox. This may have helped with his folks' decision to move to Hoffman Estates in 1958.

Attended church at The Buggy Whip prior to the building of St. Hubert's Church. This was an unusual venue for a church as it had a previous life as a bordello. After the school and church were completed, Bill and his 8 brother's and sisters attended St. Hubert's school.

Bill remembers riding his bike down Schaumburg Road to go to Rick's Deli located at Schaumburg and Roselle Roads. Not something anyone would do today and certainly not a seven-year-old.

He has no memory of getting even one hit during his four years as a little league player, but fondly remembers the coaches taking the team to Barney's Tap in the Woods located where Friendship Village now stands.

Bill later attended St. Viator High School in Arlington Heights.

A teen memory was hitting Mr. & Mrs. Fabbrini's car as it was recklessly parked in the street in front of their house.

Bill's mother was the first of their family to attend Harper College. He was inspired by his mother who went back to school to get her realty license while raising eight children. All the Kelley siblings attended Harper College.

Bill received his degree in political philosophy from Loyola University of Chicago then followed his father into the law which had been his lifelong goal.

After living in Chicago for six years, Bill couldn't see himself living long term in quiet suburbia and after a fun Mardi Gras weekend in New Orleans decided to move there. While attending the New Orleans Jazz Festival, he shopped his resume around the town, advantageously meeting a judge who recommended him to the Louisiana State Supreme Court where he was immediately hired as a clerk. That job was a dream come true and gave him tons of experience in criminal justice. He did so well that he was promoted within six months to chief clerk where he was privileged to work on the appeal of the case that formed the base of the film, Dead Man Walking.

Bill loved living in New Orleans and spent a lot of time biking, swimming, walking and was in the best shape of his life. However, his father came to visit and convinced him to return to Chicago to go into practice with him. Eventually, his brothers Tom and Marty also joined the firm. In 1987 Kelley, Kelley and Kelley was incorporated.

In his first criminal trial, he had to cross-examine his lifelong physician! Bill now concentrates on estate and succession planning.

He and his father's favorite watering hole was the Rainbow Tap owned by Nancy R.'s father.

Met his lovely wife Jeanne while chaperoning a dance at St. Hubert's. They have three children:

- Monica-former staffer for President Obama and now working for the Social Security Administration with an avocation of stand-up comedy.
- Michelle-pursuing a doctorate at Cornell
- Billy- former employee of great boss Jeff M. of Divine Signs and now working as an actuary.

After Barry C. leading the four-way test, the meeting was adjourned early at 1:22.