

The Buzz



December 19, 2025

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

Pledge was led by Jim F., Four-way pack was led by Jim F., and Jack Lucas did the invocation.

Annual Election for Board.

President- Diane Marinelli

Immediate Past President-Ted Gross

President Elect/Treasurer-Gary Anderson

Secretary-Debbie Schmidt

Club Administration-Rachel Hubsch

Community Service-Wendy Paskiewicz

International Service-Randy Gangaloo

Membership-Mary Myzia

Fellowshio-Gene Walters

Public Image-Linda Dressler

Vocational Services-George Panopoulos.

Motion was made by Jim F and was seconded by Pat. Ted asked for a vote. Passed.

Classic.

- ❖ Ted introduced the theme for the classic. Once Upon a Classic. Not to be confused in anyway as a Disney Fairytale.
- ❖ Gene Walters re-iterated that this is not a Disney Theme. He will send out announcements for future classic meetings. Tickets will be at Gails house tomorrow if anyone wants to pick them up to sell during the holidays.
- ❖ George on sponsorship. Email went out. Brian Berg brought in a check. Other checks have been received to date also.

Our visitors

Anita Ring introduced her husband, Greg.

Announcements

- ❖ Holly was thankful to all the people that donated items for Wings Safe House.
- ❖ Wendy thanked those who volunteered for the Trickster Veterans dinner and asked for more help.

- ❖ Eileen thanked everyone and shared stories about students and the fishing well.
- ❖ Allen and his wife have offered to do a fireside gathering on the third Thursday in January.
- ❖ Don't forget to get classic tickets from Gail.
- ❖ January 6th board meeting will be done virtually.

Happy Dollars

- ❖ Eileen was happy to be here.
- ❖ Holly was thankful for the support of the safe house.
- ❖ Jim C was thankful for Gene and Linda and the work that went into the beautiful and fun Holiday party.
- ❖ Pat was happy that her and her husband celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary yesterday and they still speak to each other.
- ❖ Allen was happy about the new slate of officers and how good it was to see new names.
- ❖ Randy was happy to be here. Bob was happy to share how thankful Hellen Keller Jr. High was thankful for our support with the food pantry.
- ❖ George D. was thankful for the 5:45am wake up due to a faulty co detector and that the fire department responded in 7 minutes and replaced.
- ❖ Mary M. Was happy that the Allegro Community chorus she belongs to put on a beautiful concert and she was still able to catch the end of the Rotary Holiday party.
- ❖ Gene W. Loves the holidays. Baily and all of her Nutcracker performances. Embarrassing his daughter as Conant broadcasted him in his elf costume across the school. Good luck with that one Gene.
- ❖ Ted shared that a wake he attended last night was bittersweet, but it was good to see all the baseball kids and parents.

Fun and Frolic

Jim F did Fun and Frolic. All fines are \$2 unless stated otherwise.

- ❖ John took the clipboard from Jim and that slowed him down.
- ❖ Anita, welcome back fine.
- ❖ Greg, not a member but said he wants to give back. Jim fined him to help him out.
- ❖ Ed H Just because.
- ❖ Brian B, Festive Hawaiian short sleeve shirt. He was fined for not dressing warm enough.
- ❖ Vince, fined for not going to his mentee's graduation.
- ❖ Ted, fined for interrupting the fine master.
- ❖ George G complimented Jim for his pants fitting so nicely. Jim-The answer is no.
- ❖ Tom, What a great rendition of Elvis's Blue Christmas at the Holiday party. Will he sing it again. Yes he did. He got fined anyway because it is not Jim's favorite song.
- ❖ George D was fine for best alarm sound effect.
- ❖ Pat was fined for not giving more details of her 60-year anniversary.
- ❖ Gene W. Elf at Conant! Father of the year. Your daughter will be talking about it for a while.

- ❖ If you didn't go to the holiday party.

Our Program:

Holiday game and What's in the box!

Holiday Trivia Game for which willers won pooping toys.

- ❖ 1, What classic Christmas treat was inspired by the fairytale Hansel and Gretel? Gingerbread House.
- ❖ 2, Which US President made Christmas a national holiday I 1870? President Ulysses S Grant.
- ❖ 3, What is the name of the cartoon character who famously has a very small, undesirable Christmas Tree? Charle Brown.
- ❖ 4, In the movie *Home Alone*, where are the McCallister family going on vacation when they leave Kevin Behind? Paris, France.

Gene Walters put together his fun collection for the final What's in the Box for 2025.

Won by Mary Myzia. Filled with various Holiday silliness, a bottle of wine she gave to John Z and 2 ticket to a Bulls game.

Closing

The four-way test was read by Jim Fabrini

Ted Grossmen Wished everyone Happy Holidays! And reminded everyone that the next meeting, January 9, 2026, and all other January Rotary meetings will be held at Bella Napoli, 1540 N. Roselle Rd, because Chandlers will be remodeling.