

# *The Buzz*

January 15, 2021

- Meeting was called to order at 12:15
- Barry led the Pledge of Allegiance
- Eileen led the Four Way Pact
- Jack led the invocation

**Guests:** Our guest speaker, Dan Gelfond, Eun Suh-Pat's Fishing Well mentee: a second-year radiology student who is thrilled to be a Fishing Well Scholar and out Classic Emcee Natalie Martinez of NBC News.

Natalie spoke to the club of her excitement at being invited to assist us in our effort to serve the community and the world. She is happy to hear of any ideas club members have to increase her participation in the Classic and provided her contact information which was shared in the chat during the meeting but will not be listed in this issue of The Buzz to protect her privacy.

## **Wes's Good News:**

- Vibrant Vegan Co. has offered \$70K to anyone who is currently an omnivore but is willing to not eat meat for 3 months
- A young woman named Hayley is making bracelets to sell as a fundraiser to help the hospital that aided her as a young child
- Wes showed a TikTok video of a mother and her son awaiting his bar exam results. When he gets the news that he passed, she erupts into a passionate prayer. Quite emotional!

## **Who's Happy?**

- Eileen was sick for 10 days so went to a clinic across from Trickster Galleries called Clear Wellness. They got her in quickly and gave her a rapid Covid test which came back negative. She is now feeling much better.
- Pat was happy to have Eun attending the meeting, Pat is loving being her mentor
- Don C. was simply happy to be at the meeting.

## **Announcements:**

There will be a SOUP-er Bowl Food Drive at the NOW Center on February 6 from 10:00 am -2:00 pm. See Mary Jo for more details.

Classic tickets are now available online, please see the club home page for more information. If you need paper ticket, contact Julie who has printed a limited supply.

Dues may be paid online. Thank you to all who have taken advantage of this opportunity

Nancy and Bob F. delivered the first set of \$195 gift cards to our partners. The second half will be delivered soon. The total of gifts was \$11,700 from our very generous club

Eileen told of the success of our holiday projects: Shop with a Cop, Toys for Tots and the Veterans food delivery were able to make the holidays wonderful for a number of our community members.

Sarah told of the Action Squad's meeting on Thursday where they decided to give approximately \$1,100 to each of our partners:

- Child's Voice will receive PPE

- HOC/POC will receive PPE
- Trickster will receive food
- KYC will receive computers and gift cards
- The Barn will receive meals

Wes announced that Gabby of the satellite club will present a mental health Facebook live the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Gary will be the guest speaker at the next webinar.

**QUEEN OF HEARTS RAFFLE:** Lots of players this week. You can see the link each Wednesday in Tom's email. Brian Burke's name was called, and his proxy Nancy chose for him, but the card chosen was 2 of Clubs so no winner

**Fun and Frolic: Jim F. was this week's fine master**

This week in tribute to Alex Trebek, members were asked to provide an answer to which he would provide the question. Here are some samples:

- Don C.: Answer: What is LBJ Ranch Question: Where did Don first learn to cow-tip
- Bob F.: Answer: Who is Karen Question: Person who makes the fine master look good in pictures
- Mary S. answered her question with a question so was fined \$2
- Pat: Answer: Too complicated Question: What would make Pat happy? (By the way, the answer involves getting all 31 Fishing Well mentors)
- Dom: Gave answer and question so was fined \$2
- Ted: Answer: What is the meaning of life Question: In a tip of hat to Dr. Who, there is no question
- Wes: Answer: Who is FDR Question: Who is the Rotarian who served longest as the President of the USA?
- Darrell: Answer: Who is Jimmy Fab Question: What 13 year old boy was super-impressed by Darrell's first wife?
- Gary: Answer: Who is Hope Solo Question: Han Solo's daughter's name (Gary said the actual question was Who is the all-time best goalie in women's soccer?)
- Jean: Answer: What is blue. Question: What is the color of the Florida sky?

Fines from the Board meeting:

- Wes for making up words
- Bob F. for scoffing at the line that science doesn't matter
- Tom for insulting a member at Chandler's and needs to watch his words. Also, another fine for seemingly knowing whose name would win today's raffle. Tom then stated that his name isn't in the raffle because he's afraid that if he won all his money would be taken in fines.

Jean was fined for being so star-struck by Natalie Martinez that she called Vicki in to see her on the Zoom.

Eileen was fined for going to the University of New York at Buffalo, the same alma mater of the first man to be put to death by electrocution.

Finally, no pin, no answer to weekly question, no ticket for the Classic- \$2 each

**PROGRAM:**

Bob Gelfond is known as the Video Man. He owns a company that creates video memories. He suggests that we each safeguard our photos and memories digitally so as not to lose them. He can be contacted at:

[www.personalhistoryinterviews.com](http://www.personalhistoryinterviews.com) or [www.keepsakefamilyvideos.com](http://www.keepsakefamilyvideos.com)

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As a young man, Don read a column by Irv Kupcinet that told of Steven Spielberg's goal of video-taping the memories of Holocaust survivors. Don got the details and contacted Spielberg's company to volunteer. At the training seminar he was shown a video of a man whose entire family was killed in the Holocaust but now he had a large family of his own. His final sentence in the video was, "I cheated Hitler and his henchman and now I have this."

Don worked on this project for four years, 1994-1998. He interviewed amazing people who taught him so much. On his first video he interviewed a Roman Catholic who was a political prisoner. The recounting of his experience allowed Don and the crew to understand how fortunate they were to never have to live through the deprivations of a concentration camp.

This Spielberg project interviewed over 53,000 survivors in 63 countries. Spielberg insisted that when interviewing, the tape needed to keep rolling without cuts so no one could say the tapes were edited or changed. He didn't want any Holocaust deniers to say these memories weren't real or true.

There were also people whose job was to take copious notes of every word. The videos can be accessed at Museums of Jewish history around the world (including the Chicago Holocaust Museum in Skokie.) Due to their hard work, a person can type in a name or place and be referred to tapes that mention those people and places.

When that job was done, he worked at Family Tree where he interviewed seniors and got their stories on tape. He then started his own business. He has seen how much these videos mean to their families. Don suggests that we all get the memories of our seniors on video. You can do this yourself, however, by going to a professional such as him, more stories will be accessed since he has been trained to ask the type of questions that lead to people opening their memories. Grandparents and seniors tend to only want to talk about good stories, however, families need to know all the stories to enable them to see that their parents' lives weren't always easy or perfect and that knowledge can assist them to make it through their own hard times.

Don showed the club two videos that illustrated the power of the memory videos. One showed the difficult memories of a man who fought on the beaches of Normandy on D-Day and another was of an older woman who gave her family lasting advice and she also played Somewhere Over the Rainbow on her Steinway grand piano. The family of that woman chose to show that excerpt at her funeral which made for an unforgettable service.

In closing Don once again reiterated the importance of saving family photos, VCR tapes and Super 8 films to a digital process. He suggests not using a major store such as Walgreen's or Costco because they send your items to another location. They are your cherished possessions and should be given to a trustworthy source who will care for them as you do.

Thanks were given to Don and to Bob F. for this moving and informative program.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30