

THE ROTARY CLUB OF SCHAUMBURG/HOFFMANN ESTATES



Meeting on June 17, 2022

A noticeably more chipper than usual Pres. Tom rang the bell on the last regular meeting of his REIGN OF TERROR (his presidential year) as we welcomed many guests to our meeting including Jim Thompson (an Arlington Hts. Club Rotarian and our future AG), Julius Mukiibi (President Elect of his Rotary Club in Bukaua, Uganda), George Holmes (singer at our last Holiday Party and minister), Maria Brauer (with Shelter, Inc.), Juan Hernandez (a guest of Anastasia), Mark Parr (Executive Director of the Children's Advocacy Center) and three representatives of Boy Scout troop 297 (which our Club sponsors), Matilda Vasquez, Dave Jonan and Traci Hoos.

Announcements

We were reminded that:

1. We have an absolutely awesome Community Service program with excellent community partners like the Trickster Community Center, Kenneth Young Center and Children's Advocacy Center (to name a few).
2. Maria Brauer, on behalf of the Children's Advocacy Center, described the outreach of that organization on teens in our communities.
3. Mark Parr, of the Children's Advocacy Center, was made an honorary member of our Club for his outstanding support and advancement of the lives and happiness of people in need in our communities.
4. Chrystal Maxwell was (at last) formally inducted as a member of our Rotary Club and we learned a bit about her work with the Boys & Girls Club, her family, and her passion for working in the non-profit sphere and last but not least, her interest and participation in dog rescue.
5. There will NOT be a Club meeting on the next two Fridays (June 24 and July 1).
6. For those of you who are registered, please come to the Installation Dinner on Thursday, June 23, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. at Chandler's.

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Happiness was once again rampant among the membership, including:

Jeff M, who attended an apocryphal “Picket Ball Tournament” in which Jeff triumphed (due to the absence of other attendees) and which he was able to transform into a fishing expedition at which he caught lots of fish;

Mike E, who was pleased to participate in an exceptionally well-attended Visioning Team Meeting for RI;

Jim Thompson (our soon to be AG) who was delighted to attend our meeting today and was also excited about his daughter’s upcoming wedding;

Jim Mc was happy that Chrystal is now a member of the Club;

Gene W was happy about our next Classic, good weather and the continuing career of his talented daughter;

Bill K was happy that he and Jeanne attended a “destination wedding” held in Pensacola, FL;

Jean S was happy to attend our Rotary meetings in person and for Tom’s leadership throughout the past year;

Roger S was happy because, although genetic testing reveals that neither he nor his Mom descend from the Lincoln family, it does show that Roger is a descendant of Robert the Bruce, King of the Scots (how cool is that?);

Jim A was happy to announce that he (and Kathy) are grandparents for the first time! (We are all very happy for them too!);

George Holmes (remember, our Belvedere Club holiday singer) was happy to come to our meeting and also because he has also become a grandfather;

Mark Parr was happy to be made an honorary member of our Club;

Chrystal M was happy to be with her daughters;

Gayle V was happy that her grandson hit not one, but two Home Runs at Cooperstown last week; and last but not least,

Julius Mukiibi was happy to have spent quality time with our Club and its members!

Queen of Hearts

The Queen of Hearts somehow eluded our Club’s unofficial queen of hearts (Nancy R), and we will all have to wait another week or two before we can try again to find the hiding place of that sneaky Q of H.

Finemastering

Then, in an action that comes as close to Surrealism as the Club gets, Jim Fab launched the Anti-4-way-test upon us (for benevolent purposes, as he suggested), to extract fines from the membership including:

Jeff M, for stealing a joke from the Finemaster;

Anastasia, for having a big closet;

Jack L, for inadvertently dressing fashionably;

Don M, for his extraordinary hairdo shown in the 1974 Hawks yearbook;

Jim Thompson, so as to not disappoint him;

Bill K, for walking around Schaumburg/Hoffman Estates all the time;

Cris H, for doing something that your Buzzer neither heard nor saw (Cris was in my blind spot);

Pres Tom for “getting his last meeting (as Pres) right;”

Mark Parr, for also taking a joke away from JimFab;

PE Brian, as a preemptive strike;

Vince, Bonnie and Jim, for sitting in the same spots week after week after week after week!

Roger S, for declining to have a beer, although Roger did note that the Coors Light on the tables which our Finemaster was referring to might not technically qualify as a beer – at least not to a descendant of Robert the Bruce or to the loyal subjects of the King of the Scots!

And anyone who isn't going to the Installation Dinner (June 23 at 5:30 p.m.) or who didn't know the date of next year's Classic (May 6, 2023).

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

Program

Rotarian Debbie S introduced Matilda Vasquez, Dave Jonan and Traci Hoos who gave a fabulous overview of the activities of Boy Scout Troop 297 in our communities, including the projects which they were able to complete with the funding which they received from our Rotary Club. To see the program, go to Clubrunner. On the top center of the first page of the web site, you will find a link to the Youtube of Friday's meeting. No login is required. You won't regret it.

Year in Review

Finally, Pres Tom, consistent with his effort to be techy (and arguably, geeky) treated us to a video collage of all of the activities of our Club over Tom's Rotary year, narrated by Tom. That was fun.

And with that, your Buzz is now complete! See you next week!