

THE BUZZ

6/11/2021

GUESTS

Today was one that many members consider the best meeting of the year: Project Selection Day. We were meeting in the atrium room and there were so many guests that this writer was unable to catch all the names. Most were representatives of the agencies that would be receiving grants from the club. Nanette brought a friend, Ellen Strebar and everyone was excited to welcome former member Lisa Encarnacion as a guest of the club.

GOOD NEWS

We had two uplifting stories to share. You may find all the information on Google to get the full stories:

Police in London credit a 16-year-old young woman with saving of the lives of at least six people who had planned to commit suicide by jumping off one of the bridges in the city. This young woman had posted notes of affirmation and encouragement on the bridge along with the number of a suicide prevention hotline. Shows how a small action can make a big difference.

An 8-year-old little boy whose dog needed extensive veterinary care decided to sell his Pokeman cards to help pay for the bill. He set up a stand in front of his house and when a neighbor heard of it, posted the information to social media where it was picked up worldwide raising over \$19,500. This money paid for his dog, and he donated the rest to local shelters and veterinary hospitals to serve others who could not pay. In addition, the Pokeman Company in Seattle sent him packs of rare cards to start his collection anew.

HAPPY DOLLARS

- Nanette was \$5 happy that she was surrounded by friends who were receiving checks today
- Bill K. was \$5 happy that it was Project Selection Day
- Glenn G. was \$20 happy to see Marina from The Barn online to receive her grant even though she gave birth to beautiful baby Nicolette on Wednesday!
- Holly was \$10 happy to have her mother with her today
- Ed was \$43 happy to celebrate his 43rd year of club membership
- Brian was \$20 happy that his daughter Erin was getting married tomorrow
- Mary Jo was very happy to be able to wear lipstick today.

CLUB BUSINESS

Sarah R. was THRILLED to ask Kate Bousum of Child's Voice to come up for a special announcement. In addition to working at Child's Voice, Kate is the president of the West Suburban Philanthropic Network. She nominated the club as the Community Organization of the Year, and we won. The award will be presented at a virtual awards banquet in August.

Bonnie reminded everyone to RSVP ASAP for the Installation Dinner to be held at Moretti's Banquets on June 24th. Please check your emails as she and Nancy have sent plenty of reminders.

Holly welcomed Tom back from vacation and also reminded everyone to sell those Vacation Drawing tickets. She invited the community group representatives in the room that they could buy and sell tickets as well. If their organization sells a significant number of tickets, Rotary will give that organization a percentage of the profits from those sales.

QUEEN OF DIAMONDS

Due to Tom's absence, there was no drawing last week so two were held today. The first winner was Steve who chose the 7 of hearts and then Darrell Moon won and chose the jack of spades. Thus, the pot continues to grow.

Fun and Frolic

Jim F. did the fun and frolic honors today and made all fines \$2 unless otherwise stated.

- EVERYONE, except guests, was fined \$1 for being way to noisy during announcements
- Bonnie was fined for always sitting with her husband Jim although there are plenty of other seats available
- Nanette was fined for not telling her guest which room was holding our meeting so she was forced to rely on the members at the bar
- Vince was fined for wearing a picnic tablecloth to club
- Glenn S. and Jim M. were fined for not being able to find the meeting today
- Jean was fined \$3 for playing pickleball with Jim this week and playing so roughly that he pulled a muscle and got a big raspberry. Jean simply stated that one should never dive for the ball when playing pickleball.
- Bob was fined for wearing a shirt only florists should be allowed to wear
- Vince was fined again for questioning Jim's ability to act as "the fashion police"
- Bob was fine another \$2 for always looking fashionable whatever the situation

- Ted was fined for losing over 100# that Jim believes he then gave to him
- Holly was fined for omitting to mention that her mother's name is Patricia. Holly then told an adorable story about her mother gamely skipping with her through Oak Brook mall while clad in pumps.
- Ed was fined for being a member for 43 years and yet doing NOTHING in the club
- Wes was fined for accidentally turning off the WEBEX meeting and leaving all those online in the dark: and here Jim thought he was so technology savvy
- Anyone wearing shorts today and who has a daughter getting married tomorrow was fined
- Jim A. was also fined for wearing shorts
- Anyone who did not comment on Wes' shirt was fined \$1
- Darrell and Steve were fined for winning the Queen of Hearts drawing
- Anyone who has not sold or purchased a Vacation Drawing ticket was fined
- Lisa was fined just so she felt back at home.

PROGRAM

Today's program was the presentation of checks to our numerous community partners. Each gave a wonderful example of the work they do in the community and of how the money received today will be used. Please see the attached list of organizations.