



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2023 ~ CLUB MEETING AT HARPER COLLEGE

PLEDGE: Shawn Parker

INVOCATION: Jack Lucas

FOUR WAY PACT: Rosemary Justen

FOUR WAY TEST: Pat Groenewold

GUESTS

Several Fishing Well Scholarship recipients, Heather Zoldak – Fishing Well Coordinator with Harper College, Melanie, Brenda – Fishing Well Assistant, visiting Rotarian Mike Martinez from Barrington, and a visiting Rotarian from Kosovo.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1) Wendy Paszkiewicz is looking for volunteers for Kenneth Young's Meals on Wheels program with deliveries on Friday mornings. Holly Fath will be sending an email with information on required background checks.
- 2) Plan on staying after next Friday's meeting to assemble Thanksgiving packages for WINGS.
- 3) Roger Smith is looking for Toys for Tots donations. Every year our club competes with the Bloomingdale Rotary Club (sponsored by our club) for bragging rights at their club meeting the Tuesday before Thanksgiving (11/21). The Bloomingdale lunch is in lieu of our regular meeting on November 24 (no meeting at Chandlers)!
- 4) Jim McCulla bestowed a Paul Harris +2 pin on Linda Dressler.
- 5) Rachel Hubsch reminded everyone to donate to the Shop with a Cop program.

HAPPY DOLLARS

- 1) Roger Smith was "just happy."
- 2) Brian Berg, Jr. was happy for the great turnout for the Roadside cleanup that was done in record time – one hour! He was also sad because he usually goes to Portillo's afterwards, but they didn't open until 11 AM.
- 3) Wendy was happy to be in attendance to hear all about Fishing Well.
- 4) Eileen Higginbotham was happy to be at Harper College and was looking forward to the Fishing Well update.
- 5) Bill Kelley was proud of his FW mentee getting straight A's. He and Jeanne are also going to Kauai Hawaii during the same time as Bonnie & Jim Mc Culla.
- 6) Linda Dressler received good news that the cancerous mole on her back was removed in entirety.
- 7) Jeff and Jeanne Stoner became first-time grandparents last week. Congratulations and have fun spoiling that little one!
- 8) Kristy Ritchie celebrated her birthday with George and Trish Panopoulos who were celebrating their anniversary; then she and Dennis celebrated their anniversary with Barry and Marilyn Christian; she also reported that Marilyn is looking great!



- 9) George Panopoulos was happy to have mentored the best Fishing Well recipient; and also for his anniversary.
- 10) Don Minor visited Hoffman Estates High School and met two recipients of our Tool Box Program.
- 11) Mike Erickson was happy to be with his FW mentee.
- 12) Gene Walters' daughter starred in "Chorus Line," and the Conant paranormal club invited him back to talk further.
- 13) Randy Gangaloo was thankful for being welcomed at today's meeting even though he didn't register.
- 14) Eileen Higginbotham was happy that Renee Smith was doing much better.
- 15) Rachel Hubsch was relieved that her mother's melanoma was caught early.

SURPRISE GUEST



Harper College's President, Dr. Avis Proctor, stopped in to say "hello" and thank us for all we do for the students of Harper College. She announced that Harper College remains one of the Top 150 colleges in the nation.

FUN & FROLIC FINE MASTER ~ George Panopoulos



George had us guessing with his pop quiz. He gave us the answers and we had to name the question.

Me as President, Brian Burke, ?? – Name three things we'll never see at a weekly meeting.

Fine Masters and ?? – Name two things that empty our wallets every week.

Bocce, Bowling, and Cute Couple – Name three things Rosemary and Pete Justen will beat you at every time.

An atlas, a payroll, a tablecloth - Name three things Jack Lucas relies on every day.

Head & Shoulders - What you see when stuck behind Steve Lamp in a parade.

PROGRAM – FISHING WELL UPDATE



Presented by **Heather Zoldak and Fishing Well Assistant Brenda**. Eileen Higginbotham is very proud of the many, many success stories and commended both Fishing Well recipients and their Mentors for their dedication.



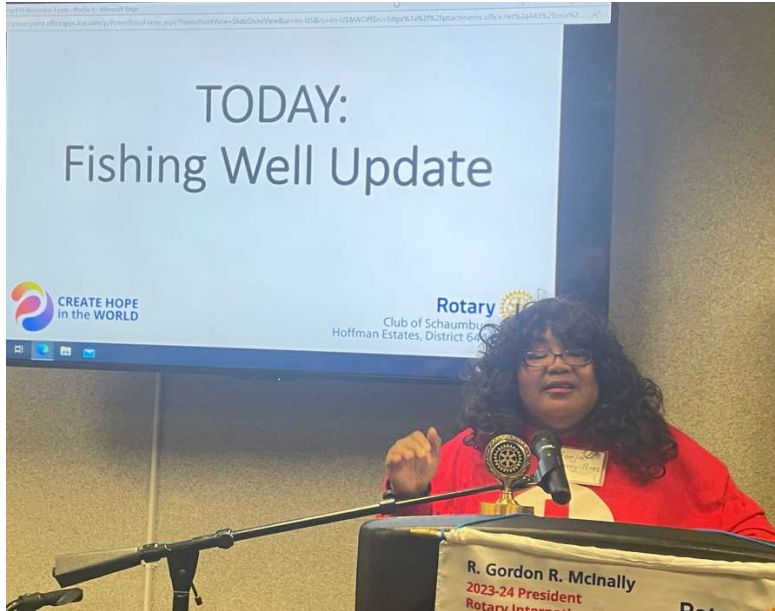
Heather Zoldak, Associate Executive Director at Harper, spoke of the impact the Fishing Well scholarship is having on students' lives while developing a trained workforce and improving local economies. Heather announced a new Fire Training Facility opening in 2025. Shawn Parker was recognized for her vision and generous seed money that launched the Fishing Well Program.



Fishing Well Assistant Brenda introduced two impressive Fishing Well recipients.



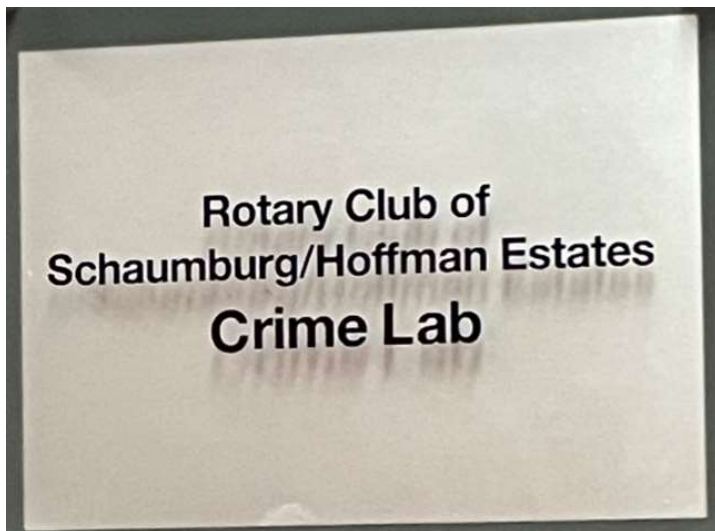
Karissa is thankful for her Fishing Well scholarship as she pursues a degree in Nursing.



Sandra is enrolled in the Emergency Disaster Recovery program that will lead to her dream job as a First Responder.

Following the program, several Fishing Well recipients led Rotarians on a tour of a few campus buildings. Our tour included Building H that is earmarked to be renamed The Rotary Club of Schaumburg-Hoffman Estates building.

We visited the Rotary Club of Schaumburg/Hoffman Estates CRIME LAB and CRIME SCENE ROOMS.







Kristie showed us around the MANUFACTURING AND HVAC ROOMS





Dina and Karissa guided us through the medical facilities and their state-of-the art Simulation Hospital.





Don't miss Friday's (11/10) program, "Communication and Connection: Insights from a hostage negotiator, presented by Scott Tillema, a retired Schaumburg Police Officer.