

The Buzz



February 6, 2026

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

Pledge was led by Brian B. Four-way pack was led by Bonnie M, and Jack Lucas did the invocation.

Opening Announcements from Ted

- Board, please stick around for about 10 minutes after the meeting.
- Bills have gone out. 75 to 80% already paid.
- Gary is not always here because of his job. If you are filling in for him, please be careful with attendance as it is used for billing.

Our visitors

Allen Gabe introduced Rick Vittenson. 25-year friend and guest speaker.

Jeremy Kline, Edward Jones

Ken Bush

Announcements

- ❖ Classic is in one month. It's go time. If you have done things in the past, please reach out to the newer people doing them now to offer help.
- ❖ Fireside chat, February 12 @ 7 pm. Allen Gabes house. Do not bring anything. Please respond to invite.
- ❖ Jim F passed out Scotcharoos, a family recipe. It will be in the desert for a month as part of the silent auction. Also, he will be sending out sheet for NCAA Pool.
- ❖ Glen S, please get tickets for Classic 160 Dinners. So far, we need 160 more.
- ❖ Tom asked if you do Facebook, don't just like, SHARE! SCHERotary.org
- ❖ Greg Ring, from Schaumburg AM Club, introduced and invited us to come to Super Bowl of Soups Cookoff. See attached Flyer
- ❖ Rachel H, Anita will be on the silent auction team. We need more things. Anything and cash is good too. She then collected \$80. Much more is needed.
- ❖ Mary M, please feel free to drop baskets or donations to her house at 708 Crystal Ct S., Schaumburg, IL 60193, or bring to meetings. If you have a company donation but it needs to be picked up, please call or email Mary M. or Bob F.
- ❖ Linda D, something new this year. Still doing a lottery tree but also doing a gift card tree. \$25-\$10-\$5 gift cards. You all have them sitting around. Salon, restaurants, service places. It will be put on a tree and people can bid on it.

- ❖ Diane, last four weeks! Thanked everyone for their efforts this far. If there is something we missed, please let us know. We are super excited.
- ❖ Gene W., It's Going to be a fun night. We are doing a booze wagon. It was well received in the past. Any unopened booze at home, please bring it in. Diane has some special bourbons in the basement. Let's spice it up and have some fun.
- ❖ George P, sponsorships at \$88,000 to date. Last year at \$97,500. Just found out PNC will sponsor.
- ❖ Ted, still at Bella Napoli through end of February. Working with Chandlers, our third meeting falls on 2nd day of NCAA tournament. We might have TV's in the room and bar type food while we have meeting.
- ❖ Ted, joint golf outing. We coop with Rachel's organization. Need more people to get involved financially, and Golf and volunteer. The date is June 14th, Wednesday, at Bridges of Poplar Creek. Also, silent auction and sponsorship are needed. If it is not a good one, it will be the last. Sign up to help, 7 am to 6 pm. Please take a block of time.
- ❖ We will have many extra people at next week's meeting. Ryla and Harper College Fishing Will presentation. If you think you will be bringing a guest, please let Ted know so that they can set up the room properly.

Happy Dollars

- ❖ Allen, \$5 happy. Rich his good friend is here.
- ❖ Dione \$20
- ❖ Linda D \$2- for our support for her nomination at Hoffman Estates Commerce Commission.
- ❖ Brian Berg \$5 He toured Chandlers. Some things still need to be done but it's coming along.
- ❖ Gene \$2. Bailey secured Conant HS to film her short film. \$2 for great a Great classic meeting.

Fun and Frolic

Ted stated that in our alternate universe this club is bankrupt. So please give generously.

- ❖ Jim F, even though you said something not so nice to the Fine Master, he is still giving you a pass.
- ❖ Mary and Gayle get a pass.
- ❖ If you are here from another club, promoting your event, pay \$2.
- ❖ No rotary attire or pin \$2.
- ❖ If you are wearing Rotary attire and it is not what the Fine Master is wearing \$2.
- ❖ No proposed new member for this year, \$2.
- ❖ When Tom said don't just like it, share it, George said "Delete it" \$2.
- ❖ Rachel brought up Jim's wife offering services, \$5.
- ❖ Bob F really liked the pizza. Give \$1 per slice he ate.
- ❖ If you did not participate last year's SLSP golf outing, or sponsorship, \$2.
- ❖ If you did not respond to the fireside chat invite \$2.
- ❖ Was anyone not fined? Oh darn, everyone was fined.

Our Program: Rock-n-Roll to Rotary

Rachel introduced Rick Bittson as our speaker. He has been on staff for 12 years as a lawyer at Rotary International, handling contract law for conventions and other things. He has already been to Tibet and Dubai. Currently he is working on the 2026 and 2027 conventions. He is a musician having recorded music in the 70's. One of his songs was resurrected in 2010. He was a journalist in the 60's and had lunch with Jimmy Hendricks.

Rick opened with how fortunate we are to be a part of Rotary. Non-religious and all inclusive, making the world better.

He then gave us loads of history on his life's journey. Be sure to watch the recording. What a fascinating Life.

Closing

The four-way test was led by Greg Ring from Schaumburg AM

Meeting closed by Ted with reminders. Sell Classic tickets. Like and share Classic on FB. Board please stay on a few minutes. Please respond to Fireside Chat invite.