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## FRIDAY, 4 November 2022 CLUB MEETING

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The meeting was called to order by President Brian at 12:15.

The Pledge was led by John S, with all the veterans present at the meeting today.

The 4 Way Pact was led Don M.

The Invocation provided by Jack L.

**Our visitors** Gene W. introduced our speakers Riley Anderson and Jenny Tzortzos from Illinois Fire Safety Alliance, Eileen introduced Taylor Kanara, Senior Development Officer at the Children's Advocacy Center (CAC), Allen G. introduced his guest and I apologize for missing her name.

### **Announcements**

Allen introduced the new classic promotional video created by Tom -- it will be distributed virtually. Allen also shared that

- Only Ed H. is to approach the Ala Carte related entities, since Ed has a special connection there.
- We are seeking golf outings for the silent auction. Let Roger S know if you can help with this.
- Save the Date cards are available electronically and Pat will share it in the Wednesday email.
- The committee is looking for live auctioneer. Let Allen know if you know someone who might donate this service.

Barry C reminded us that the Shop with Cop check presentation is next week. Currently, contributions for this are at \$5,700. Additional donations will be accepted through next Wed.

Gene W and Linda D are overseeing the classic wine pull and Gene reminded us that they are already collecting good bottles of wine (no Boone Farm, please) for this.

Holly F asked for volunteers for next Friday after our meeting to help pack Thanksgiving dinner sides for WINGS families

Bonnie M again asked us to sign up for holiday party and reminded us that there will be an open bar

Roger S announced that it is only 17 days until our joint meeting with Bloomingdale-Roselle (Tuesday, Nov 22) and reminded us that our Toys for Tots goal is to annihilate our competition in this challenge. We can either provide the actual toys or donate \$20 and Roger and Mike O will shop for us.

**Check presentation** Eileen and Wendy presented a check from our club to CAC for the purchase of office desks for CAC's newly renovated office space. Taylor shared information on the improved services to clients that will result from this renovation, as well as telling us a bit about CAC's activities (for example we learned that 373 forensic interviews have been conducted so far this calendar-year) and their recent re-accreditation (done every 5 years) from the National Children's Alliance. She also expressed CAC's gratitude for our ongoing support.

### **Happy \$\$\$s**

Eileen for the great mentor meeting this past week and to celebrate Taylor being here today  
Pat to thank Tom G for his great work on the ACE video that was shown at the District 6440 Foundation Dinner last night

Roger for his good test results this week

Bill K because he got to see three Broadway plays in NYC

Cris because he is happy to be here

Crystal because of 55 new students participating in the local Girls and Boys Club

Gene remains very proud of his daughter's participation in two different Nutcracker productions this year

Gene for his Halloween stories about Allen G's unique "Butterfield" candy bars and the Einstein look-alike Trick-or-Treater's Allen G costume and what Gene found when he Googled Allen G costume.

### **Queen of Hearts Raffle:**

Eileen won big with #25 where the Queen has been hiding all along. Congratulations Eileen!

### **Fun and Frolic**

Illustrious Finemaster Allen did his fund-raising best "for the kids" with the following \$2 fines:

Tables without a past president or with 2 or more past presidents

Steve L for not being late and thereby shocking Allen

Cris because his happy dollars meant Allen couldn't introduce him as a guest (or something like that)

Debbie for being late and because Allen hasn't heard from Eric, who is co-chairing the classic after hours party

Anyone who has seen the play Hamilton more than twice

Anyone not signed up for the Holiday Party

Roger for calling it a Christmas Parry

Wendy for not letting Randy G and Bob F sit at her table today

Everyone who is not a mentor

Anyone on the classic committee, but not at the meeting today (except Nancy because she is our most successful ticket seller)

Everyone not named Marie

Everyone at a table with no guest or a guest who is not a prospective member

**Announcements Part 2** President Brian had originally skipped the announcements of awards received last night at the District Rotary Foundation Celebration, which was attended by Bill, Pat, Brian, Eileen and Bruce. Our club was recognized for our End Polio Now support, Brian also has certificates for our club's Charter Members of the PolioPlus Society: Julie C, Linda, Mike E, Pat, Rosemary, Jack, Jean S, and Gayle.

## **Our program**

Riley Anderson and Jenny Tzortzos provided an interesting presentation about the work of the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance (IFSA), which is a small 501c3 organization that serves the entire state of Illinois, working with local fire departments and hospitals. They provide education and resources on fire prevention as well as working with burn survivors and their families. All services are provided at no cost.

We learned that there are approximately 465,000 burn injuries a year. Of these, 40,000 require hospitalization. Thirty percent of the injuries are scalds, with many young children being seriously injured. After burn injuries, re-entry into every day life may be very difficult for the victims, especially when the injury causes permanent scarring or disfigurement. IFSA provides peer support for the victims and their families and friends.

Camp “I Am Me” is IFSA’s signature program. It provides a week-long camping experience for children and teenagers (ages 8-18) who have suffered injuries from burns. The goal of this camp is to provide a safe, non-judgmental environment for the campers that will help them build self-confidence and self-esteem, develop new skills and independence and discover new talents. We heard about two recent campers and how they changed from the beginning of their weeks at camp and the final event at the end of the week.

IFSA also holds one-day events for families, provides scholarships for attending the World Burn Congress, which brings together more than 900 burn survivors, their families, caregivers and medical professionals, digital resources for those not able to be a part of in-person events and more. On the education and prevention side, IFSA helps provide smoke alarms and other resources and programs on various aspects of fire prevention and safety.

Point of interest: 10-year sealed battery smoke alarms are highly recommended and will become mandatory at some point in the future. If you don’t have such an alarm, be sure to change your batteries regularly.

Barry C led us in the 4 Way Test and the meeting was adjourned.