



Meeting on July 22, 2022

Pres. Brian engineered an efficient start to the meeting as we welcomed speakers Clare Scheller (from the Lurie Children's Hospital and Sarah Gilbert (from ReMax) and Sarah's son Mike to our meeting.

Announcements

We were reminded that:

1. Anastasia presented a new flyer for our membership and social media program (which is attached to the Buzz).
2. Bruce gave everyone a "Save the Date" for the club's August fellowship at the Blues, Brews and BBQ fundraising event held by the "McHenry Area" Rotary Clubs – the date is Sunday, August 21, between noon and 5:00 p.m. in Peterson Park in McHenry.
3. Wendy informed us that a) our Community Service committee gifted \$500 to Wings; b) Anastasia set up a new "Amazon Smile" link which we can use for donations to the Foundation; and c) that on August 12, 2022, right after our meeting, we will be assembling 30 "fruit baskets" for KYC clients – so save that date and plan to help out with filling the baskets!
4. Ed H plugged the Special Leisure Services Foundation's annual golf outing on August 17 (tee off at 9:30 am) – you may call Ed if you would like to be part of a 4-some.
5. Ex-Pres Tom a) announced there will be a new "volunteer" page on the website that we can use to sign ourselves up for Rotary activities; b) gave Eileen a certificate of appreciation for all of the things Eileen did last year to think out of the box to identify needs in the community; and c) informed us that he has our vacation [not a] raffle tickets and we should claim them and start selling them.
6. Pres Brian informed us about the Elk Grove club's upcoming events.

Queen of Hearts

Loren Trimble was not quite lucky enough to locate the elusive Queen of Hearts. His auto-choice was card 11, which turned out to be the 10 of Clubs. Better luck next time!

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As usual, happiness was once again rampant among the membership, including:

Terry P, who was happy about last Saturday's fellowship event at the Billy Elton concert;

Eileen was happy about the Butterfly Garden cleanup which was also last week;

Jack was happy to be back from his first post-pandemic road trip -- to Salt Lake City to see family;

Mike E was sad/happy to inform us about a new Polio case in New York;

Ted G was happy to report that his son's baseball team (which Ted is coaching) is doing very well and that the ball club wants to extend his coaching contract;

Nancy was happy to inform us about some health challenges that our collective friend and Club member Coach John S is dealing with;

Pat was happy to be back from a week in Kristy Ritchie's Wisconsin cabin; and

Gene was happy about a) his garage sale; b) his booking of a paranormal investigation in Wisconsin that is coming up; and c) Allen G's speech last Wednesday to a Wine Club that Allen and Gene belong to, on the subject of Allen's memories of World War One.

Speaking about Mr. Allen,

Finemastering

The clouds suddenly blew in to darken the skies and an eerie calm pervaded the room, as Finemaster Allen, to sporadic clapping, approached to inflict the usual weekly purgative of our wallets and purses by fining us for all manner of foibles, including:

The usual fines (pinless, badgeless, untimeliness, etc.;

PP Tom, for wearing a colorful hat which advertised beer, although Tom did not share any of the beer with us;

All those who signed up for the Billy Elton fellowship event who didn't show up *and* didn't let Nancy know that they weren't coming (which would have been helpful, because we could have reduced the size of the space we reserved for your patooties to sit on);

Those of us who:

- a) didn't show up for the Butterfly Garden cleanup;
- b) didn't have anyone at their table today make an announcement;
- c) were sitting with a relative; and or
- d) had no women sitting at their table;

Terry, to encourage him to stop “harassing” people at our meeting (?! ok);

Jack, for abandoning us for two weeks while he was off on his road trip;

Bonnie, for not paying up to show her appreciation for the 59 years of connubial bliss she has enjoyed with Jim (although Bonnie was quite certain that she had actually done so);

Nancy, regrettably, whose cell phone went off leaving Allen with no choice other than to administer the usual fine for having a cell phone go off;

PP Tom, for forgetting that the vacation raffle was NOT a raffle;

And finally, Anastasia, for wearing an outfit today that brightened up the sky!

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

Program

Our program today concerned the Ann and Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital of Chicago (the “Lurie Children’s Hospital”) and the efforts of local ReMax realtors to support that hospital. Gift Officer Clare Scheller (yes, that is her title) noted that the Lurie Children’s Hospital is part of the “Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals.” To give you an idea of its size, that hospital network serves 62 children each minute and has 32 million annual patient visits. The Lurie Children’s Hospital sees 221,000 of those patients each year, 57% of which had no insurance or inadequate insurance.

Realtor Sarah Gilbert outlined the partnership between her local Re-Max Suburban Realtors business and the Lurie Children’s Hospital. Through this program, Sarah’s franchise and agents contributed \$50,000 to the hospital last year.

You can see the whole program on 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.

Next Week

Our guest and program next week will be our district governor, Bill Kmiecik! Pres. Brian had no idea what Bill intends to talk about, so we guess that you’ll just have to come to the meeting and find out!

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



What are the financial requirements?

Financial support is a part of being an active Rotarian. Each Member must pay annual dues of \$233.00 which includes the following:

- A. Rotary International dues
- B. Rotary District 6440 dues
- C. Club Administration dues
- D. Rotary International Magazine.

Each member is also required to donate \$120.00 per year to "The Annual Fund" and \$100.00 per year to "End Polio Now". These are the two main funding areas of Rotary International. Total: \$453 annually

What are the time requirements?

Each member is required to attend four (4) Rotary meetings per year. The Member will pay for all lunches they attend. You may use cash or credit card to pay for lunch. \$20 per person. You are allowed to attend as many lunch meetings as you like on a "Pay as you go" basis. Each member may attend any Monthly Social Night on a "Pay as you go" basis.

Each member is required to provide a minimum of 40 hours of community service annually. Community service may be in a Rotary sponsored project, Church sponsored project, neighborhood project or family project as long as you represent Rotary during your service time.

What kind of service projects do you do?

Each member is required to support the Schaumburg-Hoffman Estates Rotary fundraisers: The Classic: Raffle, Dinner and Silent Auction (Every Year in March) One week, Vacation Club Raffle (Every Year in the Fall) financially - buy a ticket - or by selling tickets. If ticket sales are made at a Rotary sponsored event this can be counted as community service hours because all of the monies collected go right back into the community through various organizations, we sponsor.

Volunteering Opportunities:

Roadside Clean-Up - is a service program for environmentally conscious citizens to make a personal contribution to a cleaner environment by volunteering to pick up litter along Golf Rd.

The Barn Senior Center - Helping 70-100 seniors per month who might be alone by providing lunch, mentoring and a social connection with our funding and volunteers.

Fishing Well Program - The program retrains people 24 years and older, provides mentoring and hopefully jobs to lift their families and individuals out of poverty. It takes a community to help these groups.

Butterfly Garden Maintenance - We are looking for volunteers to help with our cleanup at the butterfly garden.

The Rotary Club encourages its "service members" to participate in any of the following committees:

- a. Membership Engagement
- b. Vocational Service/Youth
- c. Community Service Builder
- d. Social Media/Public Image

Earning a blue badge

Red badges are given to all new members until they have completed the following requirements for a blue badge. The red badge is to encourage you to get involved and receive a "Rotarian" pin.

- Complete New Member **Orientation** with Wendy Paszkiewicz or Gene Walters
- **Bring a Guest to a Rotary Meeting** – This is a way you can let your friends know what Rotary is about and help introduce your club to more people.
- **Attend a Monthly Board Meeting – Schaumburg/Hoffman Estates Rotary Club** Board is elected by the members and manages the club affairs. It's interesting and beneficial to see the board in action conducting club business.
- **Complete a minimum of 40 Hours of Community Service** - A big part of being a Rotarian is participating in community service projects. Service projects change from year to year, but examples include a quarterly roadside cleanup day, butterfly garden maintains etc.
- **Visit Another Rotary Club** - Attend a meeting at another Rotary Club