



Meeting on January 20, 2023

President Brian opened our meeting in the usual way and we welcomed many guests to our get-together, including: Julie Nowak, Paula Hill and Brigit Cain from Conant High School, Meschac St. Amour, President of Habitat For Children Ministries, Betty Franz, a visiting Rolling Meadows Rotarian, and local businessman Chris Napleton. To all of our guests, thanks for coming, and welcome!

Announcements

We were informed or reminded (or both) that:

1. Our guest Mr. St. Amour spoke about his mission, “Habitat For Children Ministries.” The organization is seeking financial and tangible support (medical supplies, gloves, masks, etc.) for a medical clinic in Haiti which is run by Mr. St. Amour’s company. The need is great and any amount of support would be welcome. If you are interested in contributing, please see the flyer attached at the end of this Buzz.
2. Wendy P. invited Julie Nowak, Paula Hill and Brigit Cain to the podium where Wendy presented a check to Julie Nowak (Principal of Conant HS) to support the food pantry which operates from the school. Ms. Nowak accepted the check and thanked our Rotary Club for supporting them on this worthy mission.
3. Wearing another hat, Wendy P. directed our collective attention to the several really cool framed sports photographs in the room (which will be silent auction prizes at our next Classic) as she encouraged us all to go out and bring in more silent auction items. But please follow the procedure: ***Fill out the form (attached to this Buzz) and email Wendy your completed form and a photo of the gift. Drop off the actual gift with Bob Fleischer who will store them until the event.***
4. Paul Harris Chair Jim Mc then took to the mike and called Bruce D. up to the stand to receive his PH pin (with 2 rubies!) Did you know that 53 of our 61 Club Rotarians are some level of Paul Harris Fellow, and that 9 were Bequest Society members, 8 were Paul Harris Society members, 8 were major donors and our Club’s all time giving to the Rotary Foundation amounted to \$686,547!!!! That’s something to be proud of! Thanks Jim for being our Paul Harris Chair.
5. Linda D reminded and encouraged us to turn in our older computers to the “Computer Recycling Event” that our Club is participating in (see the flyer attached to the end of this Buzz).

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As usual, happiness ran rampant among the membership, including:

Bill K was happy to be at our Club meeting;

Roger S. was happy to do a Smith Family Grandchild Gender Reveal - (it is a Girl!) (congrats Roger);

Don M. was happy that Chris H. was able to get us another toolkit for 1/3 off the normal price;

Tom G was \$5 😊 for the Cougars (which must have pleased the Conant staff present);

Pat G was happy to be finished with some kind of medical procedure (which this Buzzer thinks was cataract surgery);

Holly F was really happy for the Conantites sitting at her table and especially for the terrific interact club that is active at Conant HS;

Coach John S. was happy for the time he served in administration at Conant (but he gave a cheer for our dear Saxons!!!)

Bruce D was happy to be back from his road trip;

Vince S was really happy for his granddaughter's accomplishments at Prospect HS (and let us know that his grandson is looking for a Job);

Nancy R. was very happy that her #2 cataract surgery appears to be working;

and finally,

Gene W was happy that his daughter got a chance to perform with Percy Jackson, and that she did a great job at the Club's Chili Competition, and also that he and Linda D did a pajama drive as a part of a charity thing which they did (raising about 300 pairs of PJs for the Willow Creek care center), and that he learned "something new" this week to the effect that Allen G did something in the dark --- and Gene gave us a chance to guess what that was from these three choices: for \$2 paid by Gene, a Gigolo? For \$3 something which had to do with water horses and for \$5, candle light bowling (of course it was bowling)! Very charming Gene!

Queen of Hearts

Linda D was lucky enough to be selected to seek the Queen of Hearts but alas, he found that #8 concealed the Queen of Spades!!! Way to go Linda!

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Then, in the twinkling of the eye and to the sporadic sound akin to a popcorn maker that just spat out its last, weird tattoo, and, after getting over his shock that Vince S wanted to help with the gathering of the spoils, our Finemaster, Allen G, rose from his place of darkness and shined a light on our foibles through the ritual of the fine master (our 3rd largest fundraiser) raising money from us by fining (Or in this case, not fining) Chris H for all the righteous things that Chris does that usually nobody knows about) -- But then Allen got right back into it and fined:

Rotarians present who did not use the coat room to keep their bulky winterwear out of the way of our hard working Chandler wait staff;

Or were late, or weren't wearing Rotary apparel, or their badge or their pin;

Or had no guest from their table;

Or had no guest from Haiti at their table!;

Or had more than two guests (and literally hogging the guests) at their table;

Or to Holly F, for not introducing her guest (Chris Napleton) at her table;

Or, because we gave so much money to Conant, the fine goes to those many Club members who went to Conant or had offspring who were Cougars, to replenish those gifted funds;

Or those members who had a child who did not go to Conant High School;

Or did not go to the Chili Cookoff;

Or all those who went to the Chili Cookoff (because they experienced more fun than they deserved);

Or didn't say Hi to our secret greeter (Steve L);

Or those Rotarians who were sitting with Steve L (hogging him);

Or did not have a child who played a part in a major movie;

Or if they did have a child earning residuals;

Or (a point of clarification from our very own Roger S) if they had a child that ran a restaurant in a TV game show – you owe \$3;

Or used their cell phone (Mike E – who learned, as the Borg like to say, that resistance is Futile (sorry, I'm showing my geek);

Or, as Tom G and Vince learned to their dismay, for Advertising their children!

And, because it violates international finemastering rules, Allen didn't fine Linda D for winning the Queen of Spades today, but leaving things to her discretion, levied a voluntary not-a-fine from Linda for 50% of her winnings!

And for his last fine of the Day, Mike E was honor fined for name-dropping!

And with that, mercifully, the fining sputtered to an end.

Program – Dennis Mellon

Dennis is a leader who teaches people who run businesses to create relationships within their work forces, which pays off in many ways. If you listen to his presentation (which can do if you listen to his presentation on You-tube), you might learn some important truths.

And with that, we hope you are having a great week and we look forward to seeing you next Friday at noon!