

## Rotary Club of Schaumburg-Hoffman Estates, Illinois



# THE BUZZ

November 6, 2020

### **VIRTUAL ROTARY CLUB MEETING**

#### **IMPORTANT:**

**NO CLUB MEETING ON NOVEMBER 27.**

**JOINT ZOOM MEETING WITH BLOOMINGDALE/ROSELLE CLUB ON TUESDAY,  
NOVEMBER 24.**

**CONTRIBUTE TO "TOYS FOR TOTS" - SEE BELOW AND ROGER SMITH'S EMAIL.**

#### **GUESTS**

Elke Friedman, member of the Northbrook Rotary Club, and guest of Nancy Redmon.

Pete Justen, Charter President of the Schaumburg AM Rotary Club, and guest of Rosemary Justen.

Tom Dailly, Mayor of Schaumburg, and today's guest speaker.

#### **GOOD NEWS OF THE WEEK**

- 1) A 2-year-old girl has been rescued from a collapsed building nearly 91 hours after a devastating earthquake hit the Aegean coastal Turkish city of Izmir on Friday. Rescuers found Ayda Gezgin next to a sturdy dishwasher that apparently shielded her from the impact of the damage.
- 2) A child recently asked their parent when the "Map Show" would be over.
- 3) A Pyrenees dog served three terms as Mayor of Cormorant, Minnesota before passing in February 2019.
- 4) A French bulldog named Wilbur was elected mayor of Rabbit Hash, KY. The town has a peculiar tradition of electing canine candidates, and Wilbur is the latest mayoral mutt.
- 5) Each year in Italy animals are moved to higher ground to graze, but the lambs are too young so are carried in special pouches worn by donkeys.

#### **HAPPY DOLLARS**

Heather Zoldak announced that 116 ACE Grant and 69 Fishing Well applications have been received.

Allen Gabe honored all veterans in our club for their dedicated service.

Holly Fath was visiting her nephew/niece and their 5-month old baby in Washington.

Jean Schlinkmann heard from Sandy Wiseman, wife to Jerry Wiseman, long-time member who recently resigned from our club. She wanted us all to know that people with Alzheimers still like to get letters and phone calls. Jerry's address: 1078 S. Moorings, Arlington Heights, IL 60005.

Wes Crocket apologized for not having sent out a notification to the club about Jerry Wiseman's resignation and his dedicated Rotary service.

Rachel Hubsch attended and presented at another local Rotary club's zoom meeting where only five members attended. She gave kudos to our club members' commitment to participation in our weekly virtual meetings.

Bruce Dopke is happy that Wes C. agreed to take on the role of President during this unconventional year.

Eileen Higginbotham thanked everyone who contributed to Shop With A Cop.

Bill Kelley said wife Jeanne reached out to Janis, a former exchange student from Indonesia. Janis is working at her father's firm and is expecting their first child in January.

## **MORE NEWS OF THE WEEK**

6) There's a cemetery in the Netherlands consisting of 8,300 US veterans who died in WWII. For the past 70 years, Dutch families have come to the cemetery every Sunday to care for a grave they adopted. Hundreds of people are currently on a waiting list to become caretakers.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1) Roger Smith informed members that our annual joint meeting with the Bloomingdale/Roselle Rotary Club (sponsored by our club over 20 years ago) will be virtual on Tuesday, November 24. Access link will be forthcoming. There will be a lunch component to the meeting - members will have an opportunity to pick up a boxed lunch at the Bloomingdale Golf Club prior to the virtual meeting. Details have been sent by Roger Smith via email this week.

Donations for the Toys for Tots Campaign can be dropped off at Roger's office anytime prior to the 11/24 meeting or dropped off at the Bloomingdale Golf Club when you pick up your lunch. You may also make a donation using the link that Roger provided via email this week.

3) Jean Schlinkmann announced that as of Thursday, 11/5 \$2500 had been donated by members for Shop with a Cop. Eileen Higginbotham thanked Glenn Garlick for his \$500 donation. And also stated that the club also designated \$1500 to the program.

3) Jim Fabbrini told us that the Interact Club is working on cards/letters for seniors. The Eisenhower Interact Club is looking for suggestions for service and fundraising projects. Please let Jim know your ideas.

4) Glenn Garlick shared an article from The New York Times stating that Virtual Volunteering still offers benefits to older adults, particularly vulnerable in a pandemic, and still work for their causes, but primarily from home now.

5) Lyle Staab congratulated our club with a "Certificate of Appreciation" from The Rotary Foundation for our support to the "End Polio Now Countdown in History Campaign."

6) SAVE THE DATE - Wes Crocket announced an upcoming "WATCH PARTY" where members would tune into a virtual party and watch the Bears/Packers game with fellow Rotarians, but from the comfort of their own home. SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29. Access link will be forthcoming via email.

## **YET MORE NEWS OF THE WEEK**

7) A parrot saved his owner from a Brisbane, Australia house fire by raising alarm before smoke detectors sounded.

## **FINE MASTER - Allen Gabe**

Glenn Garlick was exempt from fines.

Fines were bestowed on those:

- who were late, no pin, no Rotary attire.
- who did not bring a guest to lunch.
- who had not contacted a fellow Rotarian during the week. Allen contacted Dennis Oster who does not like online meetings.
- who did not respond to the week's question that generated many thought-filled sugges-

tions to help club leadership set direction for club meetings and member engagement. Bill Kelley responded, "Bring the trampoline lady back!" for which he was fined.

- Holly Fath for not introducing her guest.
- Jeff Miller for not sharing his birthday gift with fellow Rotarians.

#### Veteran's Day Quiz:

Original name for Veteran's Day - Armistice Day.

Who initiated the name change - Alvin J King.

What is the official flower of Veteran's Day - the poppy.

Who penned the VA's motto "To care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow, and his orphan." - Abraham Lincoln, second inaugural address.

When was the Marine Corp started - Tuesday, November 10, 1775.

### **STILL MORE NEWS OF THE WEEK**

8) Image of an unusual very long rolling cloud formation.

9) Image of a marathon runner assisting a fellow competitor receive water.

10) A single foster dad adopted five siblings so they can stay together. Vince Sanasardo said this story reminded him of the Ahlgrims who went to Russia ~18 years ago to adopt one child and returned with three to keep siblings together.

### **BIRTHDAYS**

The club treated (!?) Jeff Miller and MaryJo Shepard with a rousing rendition of "Happy Birthday" as only our club can deliver.

### **PROGRAM - SCHAUMBURG UPDATE BY MAYOR TOM DAILLY**

Before launching into his program, Mayor Dailly informed members that Governor Pritzker dropped Illinois back to Tier 2 in light of rising COVID-19 cases. This level limits gatherings to 10 rather than 25 people, among other restrictions.

There are numerous small business grants available through the village. Contact Matt Frank or Brian Townsend.

The village has been reapproved for a AAA bond rating based on financial policies and the village's early actions to adjust the budget due to the pandemic. The budget is still in the hole and further adjustments will need to be made. Hopefully 2021 will see a better economy.

Major road improvements have been made, including an \$8 million project (+ federal grants) for National Parkway, Woodfield Road, and Plum Grove Road.

Construction on the former Motorola property is progressing.

Builder Nitti Development will construct 149 single family homes north of Wise Road and bordered by Plum Grove Road and Summit Drive.

Amazon Grocery is operating with delivery service, although the store is not officially open to the public yet.

Schaumburg's first cannabis distributor is open.

Tony's Market announced that Jewel is giving up its lease at the site of the former Dominicks. Plans for developing a grocery store at the site are underway, but may take two years to come to fruition.

Schaumburg has been named "Municipality of the Year" by Illinois RE Journal based on its economic growth and diverse development activity, including a great park district, shopping, amenities, car dealers, retail, fitness, entertainment, restaurants, and sports facilities. Mayor Dailly expressed appreciation to all the businesses that contributed to the award.

WINTRUST purchased naming rights of Boomer's Stadium. The White Sox were very happy with the condition of the field.

Serving as Liquor Commissioner, Mayor Dailly initiated a 20% rebate of liquor license fees as pandemic relief for businesses forced to shut down during the winter/spring.

Mayor Dailly is optimistic about 2021, specifically an improved economy, decrease in coronavirus cases, an effective vaccine, and higher spirits as the community rebuilds. He expressed concern for small businesses if the governor shuts operations down again.

He encouraged residents to reach out to the village to learn of the many family resources available through Schaumburg Township and Cook County.

Mayor Dailly then entertained questions from Rotarians:

MaryJo Shepard asked how we can help the town during the pandemic. Mayor Dailly suggested contributing to the township food pantry.

Vince Sanasardo inquired about the future of the many large office complexes in Schaumburg. Mayor Dailly foresees office complexes changing to multi-use complexes (encompassing office, retail, and residential space) that will increase Schaumburg's population to better support the village's many businesses.

Eileen Higginbotham thanked the mayor for his participation in the "Empty Shoes/Empty Hearts event at the Children's Advocacy Center.

Jim Fabbrini inquired about the reconstruction of the new Plum Grove Road roundabouts. This was required due to utility problems.

Jim F. also inquired about Rotarian Brian Townsend and was told that Brian is a highly respected Village Manager. He started with the village as an intern and progressed to Assistant Village Manager before joining St. Charles. He then came back to Schaumburg as the Village Manager.

Mayor Dailly thanked the members of the Rotary Club of Schaumburg-Hoffman Estates for its many contributions to the Schaumburg community.

And with that, President Wes reminded all that "Rotary Opens Opportunities."

Reported by: Rosemary Justen