



**FRIDAY, January 26, 2024**

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The meeting was called to order by President-elect Roger at 12:15.

The Pledge was led by Randy  
The 4 Way Pact was led by Bonnie  
The Invocation provided by Jack

### **Our visitors**

Alison Flores, Executive Director of Gigi's Playhouse in Hoffman Estates  
Anita Rehberg, Jule Sabella and Eric Wiebe from Harper College (today's speakers)

### **Announcements**

- ☞ Glenn reminded everyone to turn in sold Classic tickets and offered more to anyone who needed them.
- ☞ Rosemary told us that Schaumburg AM Rotarians have bought tickets for our Classic and she encouraged us to support that club's upcoming Souper Bowl of soups at Chandlers on Thursday, February 29, 5-7 pm. (See attached flyer for more details. Or, you can just let Rosemary know if you are interested and she will register for you, if you prefer.)
- ☞ Jim F provided information on the March Madness pool. The opportunity to participate is available – see Jim's earlier email for details or give him a call.
- ☞ Gene reminded us about our fellowship event on Saturday for *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat*. Next comes Karaoke Night at Bar Down 6-8pm on Thursday, February 8, followed by our Chili Cook Off at Bar Down 11:30am-1:30pm on Sunday, February 18. He also offered a teaser about a March Madness fellowship event on the horizon.
- ☞ Gayle updated us on the Classic, which was only 5 weeks away last Friday and is even closer now. Barry reported that as of the start of today's meeting, 265 drawing tickets were sold, with 172 dinners. **AUCTION ITEMS ARE NEEDED!!!**
- ☞ Jim M, assisted by Bill K presented PHF recognition to Jeff S. Congratulations Jeff!
- ☞ Pat announced that our ACE II Global Grant final report has been approved by TRF and the grant is official closed, with congratulations to the Rotarians who contributed to its success.
- ☞ Tom spoke about the dress code for the Classic, which your Buzz writer interpreted as NO dress code, limited only by your imagination and/or creativity in reflecting the classic rock decades – 60s, 70s & 80s. A short promo video was debuted as well.

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

- \$ Bill gave happy dollars to recognize the Rotarians who worked on our ACE I and ACE II projects.
- \$ Wendy was very happy because her nephew who was seriously ill and hospitalized is now recovering.
- \$ Gillette was big time happy because of his upcoming "music" weekend.
- \$ Nancy was happy because she sold a Classic ticket to a Sc-HE Rotarian.
- \$ Diane was glad it was Friday, after an 11 day stretch without a break, she finally gets a day off.
- \$ Wes was happy that our club provides an opportunity to "mingle" with others in positive ways.

\$ Roger was happy that he and Bill K will be sharing a birthday next week.  
\$ Randy celebrated being dry for the month of January.  
\$ Jim F was happy that he has a new Ford van and the he is Gene's florist of choice.  
\$ Allen was happy that the Lions are playing in the NFC Championship game this weekend.  
\$ Jeff M was happy because Jim has a new van will probably need to be wrapped.  
\$ Gene was happy for his daughter's performances and for Linda D being downtown working to make our parks better. (Allen got off easy this week.)

**Queen of Hearts Raffle:** Three drawings today:

The week we didn't meet – Holly's name came up, but that's where the luck stopped.  
The week we didn't have the board – Terry P was no luckier when the wheel stopped on his name.  
This week – Linda D was also without a friendly Queen. Better luck to you all next time!

**Fun and Frolic**

Our ever faithful and fearsome Finemaster Allen levied the following fines:

- Randy for trying to start the Pledge with "One"
- Bonnie for mixing up the intro to the 4-Way Pact with that of the 4-Way Test after having been a Rotarian long enough to know better.
- Rosemary for talking loudly during visitor introductions and saying "good morning" at 12:15 pm.
- Anyone who did not acknowledge today's secret greeter, Gillette
- Nancy because Allen's friend had already bought Classic tickets from her son
- Jim F 1\$ for his electric truck and \$4 for his haircut
- Julie (a guest) for talking while Allen was talking
- Anyone who didn't groan when Allen was picking on Julie
- Jack for not giving happy dollars for the Lions win
- Pat (the Buzzer), Jeff S (PHF) and Diane (returned portfolio) were given a pass on fines for today
- Anyone else not fined...and so another successful fund-raising event came to a close.

**Our program**

Harper College offers a program for students who are neurodiverse and need a little help in navigating college and life. Harper's Transition Autism Program (TAP) is one of only 117 such autism support programs nationwide and is one of the few that are offered at no extra cost to the students or their parents.

In addition to this program for students enrolled in Harper College classes leading to degrees or certificates, Harper also has a two-year "Career Skills Institute" which helps post-high-school students recognize and expand and strengthen their capabilities/assets and build basic employment skills and realistic career plans.

If you missed this very informative program, you may see what you missed and learn more about how Harper continues to support our community by checking out the recording of the meeting at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dDKbYBcNV1M&t=2862s> starting at the 56-minute mark in the recording.

Heather Z led us in the 4 Way Test

And in closing, keep selling those Classic tickets and gathering auction items. The clock is ticking and we want this to be the best Classic ever!