



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2026 ~ CLUB MEETING

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

The Pledge was led by Don Minor.

The Four-Way Pact was led by Jean Schlinkman.

The Invocation was given by Jack Lucas.

GUESTS: There were no guests or visitors at today's meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Eileen announced that the Butterfly Garden clean-up will not be held tomorrow due to the expected cold weather. The clean-up will now be this coming Wednesday, October 21st at 12:00 noon. Let Eileen know if you can make it.
- Linda had several Fellowship-related announcements:
 - Attendance should be strong for tomorrow's Fellowship event at the Arboretum.
 - There will be a November event based on members presenting their favorite Thanksgiving left-over recipes.
 - The Holiday party will be December 18th at Chandler's, as previously announced.
- Ted reminded the membership that there will be several events next Saturday, October 24th:
 - The final Roadside Clean-up of the year. Contact Jeff Stoner if you are interested.
 - While our club is not sponsoring a Polio Walk on October 24th, there are many opportunities to walk with other Rotary clubs in the area. See the District web site.
- Ed announced that the Foundation Board will meet in person at Chandler's next Friday at 11:00.

HAPPY DOLLARS

\$ Eileen was \$5 happy to see George in attendance.

\$ Kristy was \$2 happy that the Brew Crew will be in the World Series.

\$ Brian was \$5 happy for Shea's efforts managing the Vacation Drawing. This was matched by Gillett and Mary.

\$ Brian was also \$5 happy about the Club's upcoming birthday.

\$ Linda was \$5 happy about her & Gene's 5th anniversary of joining the club.

\$ Amber was \$2 happy about her upcoming birthday on Sunday. She was serenaded by the club.

\$ Gene was \$1 happy about three items each: George's "handsomeness", tomorrow's Fellowship event and Bailey's starting her own design company.

FUN & FROLIC

George P. was today's Fine Master. No badge, no pin – no problem. George brought the usual five hermetically sealed envelopes. George divines the answer, no fines if anyone guesses the question.

1. A) The year 2065 Q) What year does the Rotary's web site say the Vacation Drawing will be held.
2. A) A Butterfly Garden brick Q) What is the only thing heavier than the silence when Eileen asked for help cleaning up the garden.
3. A) Wendy P. / Randy G. / George P. Q) Who are three Club Directors whose names nobody can spell.
4. A) Chandler's Chop House at noon on Fridays Q) Where can you find a group of people drinking heavily under the guise of "It's for the kids".
5. A) A floating orb and a mortgage at 7.5% Q) What is something Gene Walter can't find and something he can't get away from.

PROGRAM

The Vacation Drawing was the program today. It was more exciting than planned.

Shea asked Ted (1st place), Randy (2nd place) and Anita (3rd place) to pull the winners. As it turned out, the 2nd place number drawn had not properly filled out their ticket, leaving us without the contact information necessary. As a remedy, the original 3rd place winner was bumped up to 2nd place, and Randy drew a new number for the 3rd place winner.

Results

The 3rd place ticket was sold by Nancy to Gerald Waltron. He wins \$200.

The 2nd place ticket was sold by the McCulla's to Stacy Garrison. She wins \$300.

The 1st place ticket was sold by Allen Gabe to Andy Haber. He wins the big tamale, the 7Day Resort Villa vacation Plus \$1,000.

Recap

Shea summarized the numbers. The Drawing raised an estimated \$22,000 (881 tickets @ \$25), down from \$24,000 last year. The budgeted number for this year was \$35,000. It was noted that giving is down this year for all non-profits.

There continues to be risk in our future results due to the fact that over half of the tickets are sold by two people (Nancy and Chris). There needs to be broader participation across the Club membership.

A social media blitz is being contemplated for next year to increase external sales.

Jim Townsend led us in the Four-Way Test.

Ted adjourned the meeting at 1:28.