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May 14, 2021

Pres Wes rang the real Rotary bell to start our Club Meeting on what is one of our favorite Rotary meetings of the year – Scholarships - on this beautiful Spring afternoon. We began the meeting in the usual way, with the pledge of allegiance to our Nation’s Flag, the recitation of the 4-Way Pact and an invocation.

Guests

We had tons of guests (because of the attendance of our excellent scholarship recipients).

Good News

The good news included: an adopted girl finds her birth mother after 50 years, who was an actor on a show which the adopted girl used to watch on TV and – wait for it – the show was named “That’s my Momma!.” Wes also gave us good news in the form of the milestone met in the vaccination program and a return to normalcy; and also, an excellent video of all of our community partners put together by Tom G!

 **Happiness** 

Happies included:

Nanette S was happy because of the birthday cards she received and because her “White Sox” hubbie gave her \$1;

Darrell M was happy to be coming back to Chicago next Friday;

Maral A was happy because her hubbie got his private pilot’s license;

John S was happy because of all of the great scholarship recipients;

Bill K was happy because of the outstanding scholarship recipients and because he and Jeanne are going on a trip;

Don M was happy because a) the scholars and b) the return to normalcy;

Allen G was happy because his softball team (the Friars) actually won a game;

Holly F was happy because of the scholars.

Announcements

John S. announced the need for volunteers for the upcoming Memorial Day celebration at St. Peters, on Memorial Day (May 31, 2021) at 8:00 a.m.

Tom G announced that SHERC has a fellowship event tomorrow at Poiema Studio, 21 S. Spring Street, in Elgin. Tom will email a flyer.

Queen of Hearts

Our Club PE (and official Barker) Tom G did his very best to make our Club Rotarians feel “lucky” for the Queen of Diamonds virtual display. The Spin was loud and psychedelic, and Pat G was the happy maybe winner. She picked #47 which, sadly for Pat, turned out to be the 10 of clubs. Sorry Pat. Better luck next time!

Finemastering

And with that a chill was felt and the lights grew dim as our finemaster (Allen G) went about his task of pointing out our foibles (while relieving us of our pocket money) by fining:

The pinless, the badgeless, the late and otherwise excuseless;

Rotarians who did not respond to the weekly questionnaire for today’s quiz (for which, incidentally, the answers are attached to the end of this Buzz);

Rotarians who are not going to the fellowship event next week;

Rotarians who are golfers who are not playing golf this weekend;

Rotarians who are golfing this weekend but didn’t invite Allen to their group.

Then we played “Guess Who Met Somebody Famous” (*Home Gamers, you can play the game! Circle your guesses. Answers to the quiz are at the end of this Buzz.*)

Kiefer Sutherland

Mary Jo, Nanette S, Mary S, Sarah B

Jimmy Carter

Shawn P, Bill K, Jack L, Eileen H

Richard Nixon

Ed H, Bob K, Don M, Bruce D

Muhammed Ali

Dom R, Mike E, Darrell M, Jim F

Michael Jordan

Allen G, Jean S, Terry P, Bob F (also met Walter Peyton)

Now wasn't that fun? Moving right along, Finemaster Allen proceeded to fine:

the all-men table which were all may Club past presidents; and

those who did not wear the special Rotary pins that were placed on all of the lunch tables.

Then he fined Sam and Tom for something we didn't catch and with that, mercifully, the fining sputtered to a close. Thank you Allen! Can we have another?

Program

Pres Wes introduced our Club's scholarship program with congratulations for the scholars for their perseverance and drive through the Pandemic. He then turned the podium over to the chairs of the scholarship committees.

Roger S, the Uncle Joe Scholarship Chair, described the scholarship (it is merit based, focusing on leaders in community service). Over the years, many of the recipients started community service programs. This year's recipients came to the podium and described the projects which they worked with (or in some cases, created) – which was very inspiring, and they also expressed their thanks for the scholarship and the recognition. Roger recognized Eileen Mike Ted and Bruce who served on the committee.

Don M., who feels very proud to be a Rotarian on this day, chaired the Don Redmon Vocational Scholarship and Community Vocational Scholarship. Don noted that 4 of the recipients for the Rotary Club Scholarships were referred to the District and they received additional District scholarships! The scholarships are designed for students who have graduated from HS or GED, and plan to attend a vocational school. The recipients came to the podium and described their future plans and schools. AM Club member Jim McKenzie (who participated in the scholarship process) first complemented our Club for the things that we do (as shown in the opening video). Dave (a teacher at one of the schools who has referred many excellent candidates to our scholarship committees) also thanked the Club for its involvement with the schools. Don recognized committee members Vince S., Bonnie Mc, Jim McKinzie and John (from the AM Club who also participated in the Community scholarship program).

Tom G chairs the James Moon scholarship, which targets high achieving academic students who also worked while getting high marks. The recipients took turns at the podium to thank the Club. Tom recognized committee members Glenn Sz, and Barry C.

And with that, Wes rang the bell on an inspiring meeting! Have a great weekend everyone!

Answers to today's Finemaster Quiz are in bold:

Mary S met Kiefer Sutherland

Both Jack L and Eileen H met Jimmy Carter

Don M met Richard Nixon

Dom R met Muhammed Ali

Jean S (who also met Walter Peyton) met Michael Jordan

Wasn't that fun! The full answers to the Quiz Question follow this page. They're interesting. Have a look, and have a great weekend everyone!