

# Rotary Club of Schaumburg/Hoffman Estates, Illinois

## THE BUZZ...

June 4, 2021



### INTRODUCTION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- President Wes Crocket greeted all who were present and called an informal Club meeting to order at 12:15 pm. We introduced our guests and had announcements.
- Holly announced that the Vacation Drawing tickets were being passed out. Please try to sell as many tickets as you can.
- If you have not signed up for the Installation Dinner, do so now. Please accept or decline so that the Fellowship Committee knows if you are attending or not.

### GOOD NEWS STORIES:

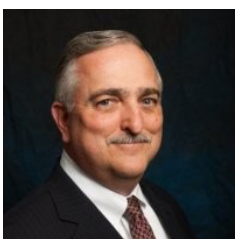
- Our Club was featured on ABC Channel 7 news regarding our involvement with the Memorial Day celebration.

### HAPPY DOLLARS:

- Wes Crocket thanked Royal H. and Mike O. who helped him buy a house in the north part of Hoffman Estates! We are all excited for you Wes!!!
- Eileen H. is \$16 happy because this was the first time in 16 weeks that she attended our meeting live.
- Ted G. was \$20 happy for losing 105 lbs. WOW!!!
- Holly F. is \$10 happy because she went to the Monet exhibit at the Art Institute.
- Debbie S. is \$2 happy because her daughter Mia is with her and because she went camping with her wonderful family and had a great time!
- DG Lyle Staab was \$50 happy and wanted to recognize our Club with a commemorative coin for the good work we do with Polio NOW.
- Bill L. is happy for Rule 85.

### PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY:

- Jim McCulla presented a Paul Harris +5 pin to Brian Berg.



### DISTRICT CONFERENCE PROGRAM

District Governor Lyle Staab started our District Conference lunch at 12:30. He explained what the District Conference has covered as of this date. He then went on to talk about the Foundation Giving. This included information about Global Grants in 2020-2021. He also talked about District 6440.

Wes then started our meeting with:  
The Pledge - John Selke  
The Four-Way Pact - Jim Fabbrini  
Invocation - Jack Lucas



Julie Clark introduced our speaker: Amanda Ottman. Amanda Ottman's relationship with Rotary began as a Youth Exchange Student to Argentina in 2000. Constantly maintaining an international humanitarian focus, Amanda has worked with non-profits both in MN, Dominican Republic, Spain, and Haiti. In 2011-12, Amanda served as a Rotary World Peace Fellow, completing her Master's studies in International Relations at the Universidad del Salvador in Buenos Aires, Argentina and interning with Save the Children in Spain. She reported that all of her studies in Argentina were in Spanish which provided a unique experience. People from all over

the world attended this course of study.

Amanda currently serves as the President of the District 5950 Rotary Alumni Association and is works as a global connections officer for American Refugee Committee. She has helped expand global grants in Italy, Ethiopia, and other countries.

Questions from the Club:

Jim F. asked if she was still in contact with the organizations she worked with. She said yes, Covid has impacted this a bit, but Peace Fellows can still work on the ground.

Jean S. asked which kind of partners she worked with. She reported that she worked with non-profits, and all types of organizations. Including Girl Scouts, corporate partners, etc.

DG Lyle asked what we do poorly and what should we do to improve. She reported that her experience gives her a different perspective than what others may have. One way to improve is continuing the Peace Fellow program.

Sarah B. asked if she has kept in touch with the people, she worked with in the Refugee Rotaract Clubs. She said no because of the challenges it brings in refugee settlements.

DG Lyle Staab then talked about a new Guatemalan Project. A new school in El Dorado will be receiving help with water needs and other maintenance items.

DG Lyle recognized the Class of 2020-2021 in the Leadership Academy. The District 6440 Challenge is called: AIM high. He talked about how 8 Clubs rose to the top. 19 were given Honorable Distinction. Our Club achieved the Honor of Distinction.

DG Lyle then went on to thank our Club for all we do, especially during Covid.

Wes then closed the meeting with the Four-Way Test.

See you all next week 😊