

Reporting Meeting of October 4, 2021

Calendar of Events

Last Week: 9/27 No Meeting; Service Project Cancelled

This Week: 10/4 Club Assembly

Next Week: 10/11 Max Halabuda "Things of My Very Own"

Coming Up: 10/18 Town in Bloom Cleanup

10/25 Dr Grace Jorgenson: Herself

10/9 Annual Golf Tournament, Holland Meadows

Note: Regular Zoom Meetings are held Mondays at 6:00 pm.

Check your e-mail inbox the day of the meeting for the computer Zoom ID# and Password, as well as the phone number you can use to phone in if using your cell phone to participate.

Please give suggestions for future programs to Darlene Bower and Dan Stec.

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CLUB ASSEMBLY

Clearly, the preparation and conduct of this Club Assembly showed the strength and resiliency of our club. It was a perfect demonstration of a sincere mission-oriented service organization and its membership seeking constant improvement. Hats off to the membership for providing so many important inputs and to Past President Gregg for the hours it took to gather compile and categorize them, and to President Dan and Sue who further categorized those inputs in order to stimulate open discussion. (These documents have been emailed to the membership.) The tragedy and effects of the Covid pandemic was recognized as a significant factor that effected all our club operations, our ability to personally gather, communicate and hold normal mass events since March 2020. The positive things our club accomplished during these challenging times were remarkable.

The session began with Darlene articulating the goal of the assembly - to conduct a candid, respectful discussion in order to share our thoughts and ideas. She emphasized our need for adaptability to best meet the needs and wants of our membership. She stressed open mindedness and respectfulness. The discussion format was led by President Dan. To stimulate discussion, portions of the *BHBL Club Meeting Agenda, Oct 4*, emailed, were displayed on the Zoom screen. That document's categories included Communications, Meetings, Programs, Service Projects, Fund Raising and Membership. The categories of Communication, Programs and

Fund Raising were covered. The remaining categories will be discussed at the November 1st meeting. Bullet comments follow. Some of the discussion meant for one category occasionally bled into another.

Communication: many liked Zoom meetings; Hybrid were tough but lessons were learned; Zoom made great speakers available; it was suggested that a meeting agenda be included in Zoom meeting invitations; brief discussion occurred on the difference between getting the word out to membership and internal communication/coordination for club plans and operations, (later might need work); on leadership roles – without President Nominee; President, President Elect and Past President have been blending roles and doing a lot a leg work instead of just their more specified roles of planning, guidance and supervision; comment made that project leadership and member participation needs to be more dispersed “many hands make lighter work”; on Four Way Test – need to “walk the walk not just talk the talk”; for those not attending Zoom meetings – invite to a home to share Zoom meeting; assign individual members to stay in contact with non-participating members; and, have one person be overall responsible for organization and keeping track of progress.

Programs: suggestions - members present bios, trivia, more medical presentations, community-oriented programs; a brief discussion ensued on why we should not look at a lot of topics thru a political lens – Rotary does not espouse political positions, period; therefore, there are Rotarians who believe we should avoid certain topics, because some have made them into political rallying points when the heart of the topic is not political. President Dan noted that we will soon get a presentation on District reorganization.

Fundraising: much of the discussion revolved around roles people play in the process, and the need for leadership beyond the top club leaders doing all the work. In the past, others than the top three led fundraising and other projects. A discussion also covered fundraising process templates, which we already have on the club website for Tree Lighting, Apple Run, Apple Fest, Golf Tournament and the Community Breakfast. Several Rotarians volunteered to create a generic process template as starters for new fundraising projects. The benefits of working with Spartan Catering on the drive-thru dinner were described, one of which is that we were able to help feed families that otherwise would not have been able to afford such a meal.

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Grace Jorgenson's book is out. Get a signed copy for \$25. Contact Walter Grattidge for details.

It was reported we grossed \$6,400 from the drive-through dinner. We are awaiting cost figures for the final net profit. Hats off to all who helped.

Town in Bloom cleanup is now scheduled for October 18th.

Reported by Steve Caine