

4.28.22 Tburg Rotary Minutes

Present: Shelly Bullock, Zoren Bullock, Peggy Haine, Michael Jimenez, Cindy Kain, Joan Munich, Tom Overbaugh, Angel Stillions, Frank Zgola

In President Kathleen's absence, Past President/Past District Governor Tom chaired the meeting, and the evening started off not only with the Pledge of Allegiance and the song, "America" led off by Frank, but also a few choice words delivered by both Cindy and Zoren. Dinner (pizza!) was provided by Michael.

And then the fun began. Zoren gave a well-researched talk on one of his passions, Bourbon, an American invention distilled from corn mash and aged in charred American oak barrels. He gave some background on its history, both social and political, and charted its flavor profile. Then he shared tastings of six of his favorites. It was fascinating to note how different they could be from each other (and how delicious!).

Michael reported on the state of our finances, and said that we're cutting it pretty close for the next two months, until the next fiscal year begins. Wanting to help the people of Ukraine, the group agreed to donate \$500 each to both the World Kitchen and Shelter Box both active in attempting to stem Ukraine's refugee crisis. Raising our dues was considered, but didn't get much support. Money has come in from Supermarket Sweepstakes, and we'll get some from the Rubber Duck event, but we have forfeited our meeting-dinner fundraiser during all our months on Zoom, and we have to tread carefully to remain in the black.

Shelly reported that we are expecting an exchange student, Arthur, fifteen years old, from Mohlhausen, Germany. He will be arriving at the end of August.

The Oneonta Rotary Club is celebrating its 100th year on May 12, and there is a May 11 District meeting in Cooperstown. Rotarians are invited to both events.

Durand, Frank, and Angel each volunteered to take a shift selling duck tickets at the ShurSave. Tickets have sold well, but have slowed down in the last few weeks. We hope they will pick up in the two weeks before the event.

Angel is working on the Golf Classic, but could use some help.

Happy Dollars:

Michael pledged \$1 for his daughter Julia's choosing the University of Buffalo for her undergraduate work

Tom gave \$5 in thanks for Zoren's fine lecture

Durand gave a good luck \$1 in hopes of snagging the post of Tburg's foodscrap commissioner

Shelly celebrated having recently conquered the “Seneca Seven,” a 77.7-mile run around Seneca Lake

Cindy tossed in a buck “just because”

And Joan was happy to report that the results of her stress test were normal.

We closed with the Five-Way Test.