

Minutes of a Meeting of the Board  
**Rotary Club of Highland Park/Highwood**  
April 23, 2018

**1. Attendance.**

Board members attending were: Mike Babian, Neil Dahlmann, Paul Munk, Fred Orkin, Yesim Sonmez, and Len Tenner

Board members not attending were: Phil Lazarus, Jon Levey, Joe Lolli, Dale Mugler, Ghida Neukirch, Cynthia Plouché, and Diana Sotelo.

**2. Treasurer's Report.**

Len Tenner reported that at the end of March the club had about \$81,000 in its bank accounts. Len also said we are entering the time of year when we'll be spending a lot on TABU, charities, and scholarships.

**3. Scholarships Committee**

Paul Munk recommended that the following scholarships be awarded. The board approved these awards.

Campbell Flower, \$10,000 scholarship. Campbell is president of the Rotary Interact Club at HPHS. Her high school career includes "A"s in honors and AP classes, Service Above Self, and athletics. Her teachers say they can always count on Campbell to step up to the plate as a role model and to set a positive example. In addition to excellent grades, she has participated in or led Special Olympics, the Military Troop Care Package Drive, Meals from the Heart at Ronald McDonald House, Feed My Starving Children, Autism Speaks Walk, Leukemia & Lymphoma's "Light the Night" event, volunteers at the hospital; and she is a member of the softball team. She plans to attend Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN.

Namrita Narula, \$10,000 scholarship. Her counselor says Namrita is exceptional, that she is authentic, brilliant, creative, emphatic, entrepreneurial, kind, humble, and a change agent. She holds one of the highest grade point averages in her class, was awarded the AP Scholar with Honor award, is a tutor, and is the most requested teacher aide. She explains her Sikhism as love and compassion for others. At a younger age she founded a non-profit, Seeds of Knowledge (SOK) to educate students about the importance of nutrition while providing them with a year-round gardening experience. She also co-founded Tree Hugs to help her neighbors stay warm in the winter. They collect winter wear, hang them on trees in Chicagoland, and attach tags that say "*I'm not lost. If you or someone you know needs me, please take me. Stay warm.*" Namrita says "Service Above Self" means incorporating social justice, human rights, collective responsibility, and respect for diversity into her daily life. She plans to attend the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.

**4. Charities Committee**

Yesim Sonmez presented the list of grants that Jon Levey recommended. The board approved these grants:

\$5,000 to Family Service of Lake County

\$3,000 to Tricon

\$3,000 to HP/Hwd Legal Aid Clinic  
\$2,500 to A Safe Place  
\$2,000 to Cancer Wellness Center  
\$2,000 to Zacharias Center  
\$1,500 to Fenix Family Health  
\$1,000 to Blessings in a Backpack.  
Total: \$20,000

## **5. Membership.**

The board approved two new members

Magdalena Wrobel of First Bank of HP. She is sponsored by Mike Babian (Thanks, Mike). She is a vice president and treasury management advisor at the bank. She joins Eric Ephraim, president of the bank, who is also joining our Rotary Club.

Michael Lubelfeld of North Shore School District 112. Mike will become superintendent of our elementary school district on July 1. He is currently superintendent of the Deerfield elementary school district, and will transfer his membership from the Deerfield Rotary Club to our club.

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Neil Dahlmann, Secretary