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**ATTENDEES:**

Petra Croneigh, John Croneigh, Nancy Shepherdson, John Casper, Ted Huelsman, Dale Perrin, Bob Wehrle, Doug Ahlgrim, Sam Martinez, and Barbara Barker

**GUESTS:** David Nolan, Scholarship recipient, Lauren Jacobsen, potential new member, Mark Gibson, Asst. Governor District 6440

**PRESENTER:** Liz Fales, Program Development Manager for CASA Lake County.

**MEETING MINUTES:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m. by Petra Croneigh, President. The meeting was held via Zoom.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

 **\* Kuechmann Kove Update:**

Petra was able to secure donations from Long Grove Rotary Club for $1,000, and another $500 from the North Chicago Rotary Club. The Lake Zurich Rotary Club is coming at $1,000 and with the multi-club District grant, we could raise $5,000. Petra submitted the application last week. We should have information by February 6th. Once Petra has the approval, she will reach out to Ancient Oaks and give them the great news. Rotary plans on funding and assisting in the construction of a building for the Nature Playscape recreational area for children ages preschool through age 12 at Kuechmann Arboretum in Lake Zurich.

\* **Blue Star Electronic Recycling:**

Wow! There was an amazing turnout for the Blue Star electronics recycle event. A big thank you goes out to John Casper for hosting the program at his True Value Hardware store. We had close to 200 cars in the parking lot and took in over 4 tons of electronics! In fact, the event had to close early since the truck could not hold any more electronics. Blue Star will be doing home pick-ups for almost 58 names that were submitted. This Rotary event even made it to the front page of the Courier and into the Chicago Tribune. On February 13th, we are looking at doing another recycling event but at a different location. One place being considered, is the parking lot by The Chapel in Lake Zurich. Information and a sign-up genius will be sent out soon. We're inviting more volunteers to participate in this community event.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

**\* Scholarship Recipient:**  David Nolan gave an update on his use of the Rotary scholarship. He is attending Xavier University in Cincinnati, OH. His courses are a hybrid approach, some on-line and some are in-person classes. Last semester, David was on the Dean's list. His major is sports management. He takes two classes in his major, world communication, history of American sport and sociology. Congratulations on your accomplishments, David!

**\* Potential New Member:** L.Z. Rotary welcomed Lauren Jacobsen to the meeting. She is interested in volunteerism and helping the community. Even if she does not seek membership immediately, Lauren was invited to participate in some of our community events as a volunteer.

**\* Presenter:** Liz Fales is the current Program Development Manager for CASA Lake County. CASA means: Court Appointed Special Advocate. CASA Lake County was founded in 1993 and is a 501(3)(c) organization. CASA consists of: 22 Board members, 270 volunteers, 16 staff and 584 children. CASA is an agency that protects the rights of children in the Lake County foster system. It takes about $2,000 to advocate for each child. There are three ways in which Rotary can help: individually, donation or drive for new coats, clothing, books, puzzles and school supplies, and through financial donations. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer advocate or just need more information, contact Liz at: lfales@casalakecounty.com.

\* **Book Donation**

John Croneigh announced that he has ordered the books. The company that is planning to give us the 465 books, will consist of mostly children and self-published books. Since they are located in New Jersey, we will pay $350 for the shipping. The cost of shipping will be included in the grant request.

**\* 2020 Lake Zurich Chamber of Commerce Member Award:**

Casper True Value Hardware was nominated for Business of the Year. The Rotary Club of Lake Zurich was nominated for the Community Impact Award. Our very own president, Petra was nominated for volunteer of the year! Winners will be announced on February 9, 2021. Congratulations to all of you! You are all winners in our eyes!

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**\* Grant Management Training:**

On February 6th, there will be a training meeting via Zoom on Grant Management. The program is from 9:00 a.m. till 11:30 a.m. The program will explain the MOA process, and how to use it and a basic checklist of requirements. District grant monies can roll into a Global grant, such as our support of Polio Plus. On Lyle Staab's virtual events calendar is a registration link or you may contact Petra for more information.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. The next Zoom meeting will be on Monday, February 15th at 6:30 p.m. A presenter TBA.

Barbara Y. Barker

Secretary