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**ATTENDEES:**

Petra Croneigh, John Croneigh, John Casper, Ted Huelsman, Beth Slaughter, Sam Martinez,

Bob Wehrl, Nancy Shepherdson, and Barbara Barker.

**GUESTS:** Mark Gibson, Assistant District 6440 Governor, Jim Lang and Leslie Day, Lake Zurich Chamber of Commerce Members.

**PRESENTER:** Beth Slaughter, District Development Coordinator at Lake Zurich Community Unit School District 95.

**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:**

\* **Blue Star Electronic Recycling:**

On Saturday, February 27th, LZ Rotary teamed up with members from Blue Star Electronic Recycling to do another event in Lake Zurich. This time the event took place in the parking lot by The Chapel next to Ela Library. The time was 9:00 a.m. till 1:00 p.m. Beth has also been able to get several Interact students to volunteer with traffic control and hold signage. Blue Star was able to collect close to 4 tons of recycled electronics. The first event at Casper's True Value Hardware collected nearly 10 tons of recycled electronics. Future events to be held: Thursday, 3/4 at Long Grove, Friday, 3/5 at Hawthorne Woods, and Saturday 3/6 at Kildeer. The events will run from 9:00 a.m. till noon each day. For more information, see our website or Face Book posts.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**\* BOOK DONATION:**

In addition to the books that John Croneigh was able to secure from Mascot Books, $450 worth of additional books can be ordered from First Book. Nancy Shepherdson is reaching out for assistance from members to place orders for children books including some in Spanish. Beth Slaughter and Petra Croneigh agreed to place the order within the next two months. Some of the books will be donated to the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry with their mobile food program. Others will be given to Lake Zurich Family Martial Arts to hand out to children.

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**\* SUPERHERO SHUFFLE:**

Beth Slaughter announce that District 95 will be holding a 5K (3.1miles) run/walk. Teams can be setup to do it together or individually from March 13 - March 27. Registration is required by March 12. Petra suggested a team of Rotarians could be established, i.e. Rotary Road Runners. The money raised supports the school district and gives our organization visibility. For more information go to:

 https://www.district95foundation.org/superhero-shuffle

**\* BLOOD DRIVE**

Lake Zurich Family Martial Arts will be holding a blood drive in April. More information will be made available over the next few Rotary meetings and on LZFMA's Face Book page.

**\* PRESENTER:**

Our speaker tonight was one of our LZ Rotary members, Beth Slaughter. She the District Development Coordinator at Lake Zurich Community Unit School District 95. Her presentation was on Mentorship and Internship. The program is to prepare students for a college and be Life Ready. Community Partnership provides internship experience where students step out of the classroom and into the workforce to explore a potential career path. The students gain experience develop clear objectives and establish goals. The experience can be part time during the school year or during the summer; paid or unpaid.

 Some of the benefits to the employer is that the student brings fresh ideas and a new perspective to the job. The student can assist on projects and builds a skilled workforce. To become a host, Beth has the organization complete an interest form and interviews the potential candidate. Some business testimonials were shared and most have indicated that their experience in the program has been positive.

MXincedu - Entrepreneurship 101: Here students choose a problem to solve and create a solution. This is for the middle school age students. Community facilitators ask questions and mentor the students during the project to assist the project to come to fruition. At the High School level (10th - 12th grade), the students develop a business incubator program.

Volunteers are needed with various areas of expertise. Some of the students become community volunteers as well. Several joined in for the electronics recycling event last Saturday, February 27th.

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Mock Interviews: this gives students a chance to interview and practice how to interview for a perspective job. Beth encourages community members to participate to assist student to navigate their way forward in the business environment.

At the conclusion, questions and answers were addressed by the speaker.

\* **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 7:47p.m. The next Zoom meeting will be on Monday, March 15th at 6:30 p.m. Our speaker will be Susan Fackler, Ela Township Social Worker. Petra made a suggestion that our business meeting be held one Monday during the month and the second Monday would be a service project. A survey monkey will be sent out asking for members' input.

Respectively submitted,

Barbara Y. Barker

Secretary