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**ATTENDEES:**

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

Nancy Shepherdson, Larry Ginsberg, Doug Ahlgrim, Dale Perrin, and Barbara Barker.

**GUESTS:** Mark Gibson, Assistant District 6440 Governor

**PRESENTER:** Anna Montemayor-Hummel, LCSW, Community Family Services Department, Ela Township.

**MEETING MINUTES:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 p.m. by Petra Croneigh, President. The meeting was held via Zoom.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**\* BOOK DONATION:**

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 orders as soon as Nancy sends them the link. 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 clients. The committee also felt that Ela Township, Family Services Department could benefit from some books.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**\* SUPERHERO SHUFFLE:**

Although sign-up for the District 95 Superhero Shuffle is closed, one can still make a donation on their website noted below. Petra shared dates with the committee and it was decided that a team could meet on Sunday, March 21st at 3:00 p.m. at Breezewald Park, in Lake Zurich. The Rotary vests will be available for team members to wear. We will walk around the lake which is approximately 4 ½ miles, over the requirement of 5K (3.1 miles) run/walk for the Superhero shuffle. The money raised supports the school district and gives our organization visibility. For more information go to:

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

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**\* BLOOD DRIVE**

Lake Zurich Family Martial Arts will be holding a Mobile Blood Drive on Saturday, April 17th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The location is: 215 S. Rand Road in Lake Zurich. More information and signup form with available times is on LZFMA's Face Book page.

**\* DISTRICT GRANT:**

Petra announced that the North Chicago Rotary Club is giving an additional $500 toward the Kueschman Kove Naturescape project. We hope that the District will provide matching funds to bring up the total donation to $6,000. This will help Lake Zurich's newest park become more kid-friendly.

**\* ROTARY MEMBERSHIP DUES:**

Dale Perrin announced that he will be sending out the membership dues invoice. The dues will cover for the second quarter - April through June. The dues are $85.00. A portion of our dues goes to R.I. for polio+. Over the course of a year, each member donates $100 ($25/qtr. Is allocated to polio+).

**\* P.E.T.'S TRAINING REPORT:**

Suzanne (Sam) Martinez attended the President-elect Training (P.E.T.s) program on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. R.I. holds this training on an annual basis to prepare incoming presidents of their roles and responsibilities. It is also a great way to network with fellow Rotarians. The presentation this year was held via Zoom but provided useful information and in the breakout sessions, more personal interaction. Sam will be discussing goals for our Club over the next few weeks. A strategic planning session is scheduled for April 19th.

**\* CRAYONS:**

John Casper has received 36 packages of crayons and will donate them to use in our book and coloring book giveaways. The receipt for the cost needs to be submitted to Nancy for the grant report even though this is a donation. John also asked the Polish deli in Lake Zurich if they had any Polish children or adult books that they would donate to use for our book project.

**\* PRESENTER:**

Our speaker this evening was Anna Montemayor-Hummel. She is a licensed Social Worker (LCSW) for Community Family Services Department in Ela Township in Lake Zurich, IL. She has been working with Ela Township since 2006.

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Referrals are made from police departments, schools, or anyone in the township. Services provided include: family counseling, crisis intervention, meditation, and yoga. There is a charity knit and crochet group, and a grief and loss group. All these programs are FREE to the public.

If emergency or financial assistance is needed, the Community Family Services Department can help the client fill out the appropriate application. The agency can also provide mental

health services since the staff are licensed clinical social workers. There has been an increase in demand as a result of COVID 19 due to anxiety and depression. The agency works with 55+ and domestic violence cases that have been referred to them by the police department or from self-referrals.

The committee inquired what the agency might need in terms of supplies or volunteer services. Anna share that they could use some children books. Mark Gibson mentioned that Rotary volunteers can read books to the children and keep them entertained while parents are being seen. Rotary can also help with meal giveaways and assist with delivery.

\* **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 7:38p.m. The next Zoom meeting will be on Monday, April 5th at 6:30 p.m. We will continue Zoom meetings until further notice.

Respectively submitted,

Barbara Y. Barker

Secretary