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**ATTENDEES:**  Petra Croneigh, Nancy Shepherdson, Ted Heulsman, John Casper, Larry Ginsberg, Dale Perrin, Beth Slaughter, Suzanne "Sam" Martinez, Sam Cavallari, and Barbara Barker.

**GUEST:** Joseph Janicki, and George Young.

**PRESENTER:** Kerry Kuczyinski, Volunteer/Development Coordinator for Save-a-Pet in Grayslake.

**MEETING MINUTES:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Petra Croneigh, President. The meeting was held via Zoom.

**A. TREASURER'S REPORT:**

a. Outstanding Dues: Petra reported that there were still some outstanding dues remaining. Each member is requested to pay $85. If assistance, contact Dale Perrin for more information. Please try to get your due payments in quickly.

d. Scholarships: This year's scholarship will be for two students with each receiving $750. The scholarship committee will be reviewing eleven applications. A decision will be made by June 1st. The committee consists of: Dale Perrin, Subbarrao Mandavilli, Beth Slaughter, Doug Ahlgrim, and Nancy Shepherdson. The scholarship money may be used for vocational school or higher education.

**B. COMMUNITY OUTREACH:**

a. Keuchmann Kove: We will provide funding and physical assistance with the Discovery Lab structure. The Aloha Builders have developed a plan at a cost of $16,000. We would be assisting with painting and/or light carpentry. Till a final plan has been determined by Ancient Oaks, the project is on hold. On April 24th, a few Rotarians assisted in putting in a boardwalk at the Nature Playscape recreational area. The Princesses were also in attendance.

b. Ela Peace Project: Community members have partnered with Ela township to erect a peace pole on Main Street in Lake Zurich. Cost of the project is estimated at $66,000. At our next meeting, a representative will tell us more about the project and how we can partner to contribute funding for the stainless steel structure.

**C. FUNDRAISING:**

a. Farmer's Market: The Lake Zurich Farmer's Market starts on Friday, June 4th and runs to September 10. Times are from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. We are planning to sell beer, red and white wine and hard selzer. Dale has agreed to order the products. He will also check to see if the wine needs to be in individual small bottles. Lake Zurich Family Martial Arts across the street from Paulus Park, has agreed to store the products. Nancy sent out a sign-up genius asking for volunteers to help with setup, breakdown and selling the beverages. Petra will send out a sign-up genius for those who are willing to serve on committees to organize the Farmer's Market, the Kid Power India and the Oktoberfest. All these events are great opportunities to network with the community and tell them about Rotary and your business as well.

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b. Music Bingo: The date for the Music Bingo is Friday, May 21st from 6:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. A person can purchase one card for $20, two for $30, three for $35. Petra is working on a link for the donation. Each Bingo card has the name of the song and the artist. The game is played as traditional Bingo only using song titles. The program will be conducted via Zoom. The cost of the host is $350. Any money made over this is for Rotary. This is our first fundraiser so let's try to make this a success. We encourage you to invite your friends and family to participate.

c. Oktoberfest: Mike Marr, the owner of the Buffalo Creek Bar in Long Grove, will be hosting the event again this year. The event will be held from October 1 - 3, 2021. Rotary Club of Lake Zurich and Long Grove will do the entertainment and games. We plan to have a booth and tent at the event to increase interest in Rotary and encourage new members. Please consider signing up to be on the planning committee.

**D. ROADSIDE CLEANUP:**

Saturday, May 8th from 9:30 a.m. till 11:30 a.m. will be our roadside cleanup. Each participant will wear the Rotary yellow vests and be given collection bags as well as reachers to assist with garbage pickup. We will meet in the Jewel/Osco parking lot by Ela Street. The Princesses are coming too. Children ten years or older are welcome, if accompanied by an adult.

**E. CLUB EXECUTIVES/DIRECTORS:**

Suzanne "Sam" Martinez, the incoming president announced that the new Board installation will be held at Mike Rein's gathering on Saturday, July 24th. The time of the installation is tentatively planned to be between 5 - 5:30 p.m. Details are still being finalized. Mike's address is:

708 E. Main Road, in Cary. It is 1.1 miles east of the intersection of Route 14 and East Main Street. Invitation will be sent out by Suzanne "Sam" Martinez with details.

**G. MISCELLANEOUS:**

a. Kid Power Program: Subbarao Mandavilli will be giving us an update on the Manasu Girl School in India. They provide a safe and secure place for orphans. Their aim is to protect children's rights and empower them. Once we get an update on the program, will be asking for volunteers to form a committee. This could be our R.I. global project.

b. Polio Plus Program: The District Governor challenged each Club President and Rotary Foundation Chair to donate a minimum of $75 to Rotary's Polio campaign during this Rotary year. For each that met that amount, Lyle Staab will personally give $25 to the campaign, and if a club averaged $75 per member, he would give $100 to the Foundation in thanks. So far, $3,775 has been raised. The offer is open through May 31st. Achieving our club's Foundation (annual fund + Polio) giving goals by May 15th will help our club toward qualifying for the Governor's Challenge. Your giving can make a difference in our communities and around the globe. Checks for polio + may be directed to Dale Perrin, Treasurer at:

P.O. Box 188, Lake Zurich, IL 60047. This is a separate donation to End Polio because it is accounted for differently and not covered through our dues.

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**H. PRESENTATION:**

Our speaker this evening was Kerry Kuczyinski, Volunteer/Development Coordinator for Save-a-Pet in Grayslake. Save-a-Pet is a 501(c)3 not for profit organization. 69% of their funding comes from general donations. It is one of the largest no-kill cat and dog rescues in Lake County that operates a full-time adoption center. Their motto is: Help, Heal, Home.

Kerry manages a team of 300+ volunteers who interact with and clean up after the many animals waiting for a home, both at the Grayslake headquarters and Pet Smarts in Kildeer and Vernon Hills.

Save-a-Pet has a permanent location at: 31664 N Fairfield Road, Grayslake, IL 60030. Save-a-Pet offers permanent, temporary foster, humane investigations, intake and TNR (trap-neuter-return). In 2022, they will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary.

Their mission is a not-for-profit, true no-kill adoption center dedicated to finding loving, quality homes for each cat and dog in care. Currently, they have 75 dogs and 130 cats. There are ways to support the organization: adopt, foster, or monetary support. You may donate services, specific items, or attend events. You may follow them on social media at: saveapetil.org. If you would like more information, you may email Kerry at: volunteer.coordinator@saveapetil.org.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. The next Zoom meeting will be held on Monday, May 17th at 6:30 p.m. The speaker will be a representative from the Ela Peace Project.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Y. Barker

Secretary