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**ATTENDEES:**

Petra Croneigh, John Croneigh, John Casper, Ted Huelsman, Dale Perrin, Beth Slaughter, Doug Ahlgrim, Sam Martinez, and Barbara Barker

**PRESENTER:** Anna Maria Kowalik, SVP, Director of Business Development - The Illinois Energy Conservation Authority (IECA)

**MEETING MINUTES:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by Petra Croneigh, President. The meeting was held via Zoom.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

 **\* Kuechmann Kove Update:**

Petra announced that the District has approved the matching grant and that we will be receiving $5,000. 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. On February 20th at noon, there will be an Ancient Oaks Foundation check presentation at La Hacienda in Deer Park. The president from North Chicago Club and a representative from the Long Grove Club will be there to join us in presenting the check to the executive director and president of the Ancient Oaks Foundation. Petra has invited Pioneer Press and the Chicago Tribute to cover the story. We encourage our Lake Zurich Club members to attend this momentous event.

\* **Blue Star Electronic Recycling:**

On Saturday, February 27th, we are looking at doing another recycling event but at a different location. This time the electronic recycling collection will take place in the parking lot by The Chapel in Lake Zurich. A sign-up genius has been sent out and we encourage more participants. The time will be 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 to assist in the dissemination of Rotary brochures. Please support this effort.

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**\* BOOK DONATION:**

A big thank you goes out to John Croneigh for finding Mascot Books and being instrumental in getting us these free books. The 480 books, primarily children and adolescent books have been delivered. Currently, because of the cold, St. Vincent de Paul is just giving out food and holding back on giving out anything else. A suggestion was made to also look at other organizations with whom we could donate a few books.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

\* **BOARD OF DIRECTOR POSITIONS:**

In July, Suzanne "Sam" Martinez will be the new president of the Lake Zurich Rotary Club. Please consider a role on the Board. Petra included an attachment with the positions that we are looking to fill. If your name is missing, please let Petra know.

**\* CALL FOR ACTION:**

Rotary 6440 is sending out a call for action to become a volunteer with the Medical Reserve Corps to assist with the COVID 19 vaccination program. The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) is a national network of volunteers organized locally to improve the health and safety of their communities. There are various positions needed and we are confident you will be able to find one where you can be of great value. If you are interested in learning more about how you can become a volunteer, please click on the link below.

 htts://www.lakecountyil.gov/2305/Lake-County-Medical-Reserve-Corps

**\* OKTOBERFEST:**

Petra received a call from Mike Mar from the Buffalo Creek Brewery. He asked if we would be interested in being involved in this year's Oktoberfest. Mike hopes that this year the event will be move engaging than it was in 2020 as a result of the pandemic.

**\* INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION:**

The Rotary International convention in Taiwan scheduled to start June 12th, will now be held virtually. More information will be forth coming in how you can participate.

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\* **SEND-OFF FUNDRAISER:**

Ted Huelsman and the Lake Zurich Family Martial Arts is looking at doing backpacks for a "Back to School" project. Target audience to be determined. More information in how we can partner with L.Z.F.M.A. to be forthcoming.

**\* ROTARY APPAREL:**

Petra will be looking into ordering thank you cards with the Lake Zurich Rotary logo. She will also be providing members information on how and where to get apparel with our logo. This is especially important when doing events so people know who we are and the type of services we provide to the community.

**\* Presenter:** Anna Maria Kowalik, SVP Director of Business Development - The Illinois Energy Conservation Authority (IECA). Anna is one of the Inland Bank business partners that has spoken about renewable energy loans to businesses. She has been an active member of

industry organizations, chamber of commerce, and acts a liaison with municipal, county, and state governments. Inland Green Capital, LLC (IGC) is an environmental finance and investment company that provides capital for Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) project initiatives nationwide. Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) is a tool to assist commercial property owner with financing: energy efficient projects, renewable energy installations, water use improvements, resiliency improvements and electric vehicle charging infrastructure. C-PACE can finance up to 100% of eligible costs which can free up equity for other projects. They offer fixed rate, long-term 20-30 year loans which yield positive cash flow and boosts property value and reduces waste.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. The next Zoom meeting will be on Monday, February 15th at 6:30 p.m. Our very own Beth Slaughter will speak on Internship and Mentorship.

Barbara Y. Barker

Secretary