

EARLY BIRD WEEKLY



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Last week was a "Club Day."

Frank Douglas led off with drawings from our four active Paul Harris Fellowship pools.

These are five-year pools, an initiative we started around 2010 and have done twelve times now.

Each pool consists of five members. Each member commits to \$150 per year for five years totaling \$750. The club covers the remaining \$250 making whole the \$1,000 cost of a Fellowship.

There are four active pools right now from which we are drawing names.

The first drawing comes from Pool #9 and is in its fourth year. Prior winners have been Dave McNamee, John Bridges, and Rachel Powell. Remaining were Roger Jordan and Dave Benson.

Ronnie volunteered to pick a number, 1-50. She chose 7. Congratulations Dave Benson! That also means Roger's is the last name and queued for 2022.

For Pool #10 (in its 2nd year), Casey stepped up. Frank asked, "If you had to choose between Apple, Cherry, Marion Berry, and Peach, which would you choose?"

That drew a quick, "really easy, Apple." That makes John Bridges the winner of Pool 10's 2021 drawing.

John Bridges volunteered for Pool #11. "John, for reasons beyond your control, you have to choose a new career. Of your only four choices would you be a firefighter, a police officer, a CPA, or financial advisor?"

A week after announcing his recovery from yet another back surgery, "Oh, definitely a firefighter."

Firefighter means Linda Sandberg is the Pool #11 winner!

Pool #12, inspired when Sharee Adkins said let's get a new one going, means this is year 1 of 5 for Pool #12. Calling the drawing was Karen Hall.

"Karen, if you had to choose your favorite from among these colors, which would it be? Blue, green, yellow, orange, or purple?"

"Blue, definitely," from under her blue sweater, blue scarf and blue arm sling.

"Oh my word," says Frank, "Sharee Adkins is the winner. We will soon have four new Paul Harris Fellowships in our club."

The committee is meeting May 10 at Sportsman Airpark to work on what we expect to be a very successful "Summerfest" this August 27th and 28th. Watch for volunteer sheets.

Newberg is still planning an abbreviated one-day version of Old Fashioned Festival and would like Rotary to host the 50th Pancake Breakfast. The good and bad.

Bad news, there won't be any booths to help draw attendees ... no pressure, right?

Good news, as the only ones in the park we can spread out.

Janet agreed to drive the food coordination but a lot has happened since then so we can only hope that's still okay.

Contact Rachel if you'd like to join the coming meetings with her and Jeff (Noon club).

Speaking of Rachel ... speaking, last week, was Rachel on the Community Service Committee.

"I feel like we are ready to get back out there. I don't know about you guys, but, this is why I joined Rotary ... to serve!"

And not just to serve others but to serve alongside her fellow Rotarians.

She tried to apologize for not having more pictures. That her sons give her a hard time for taking pictures of the moment, not living in it.

Editor's Note: I'm with you, Rachel. The favorites of those too-many pictures end up on a wall and become larger in their memories over the years. Keep overshooting. ;)

The apology came because she doesn't remember to shoot the volunteer effort, camaraderie, and reward at the end. "So I need to add that to my list this year, have someone there to make sure pictures get taken."

Some of our projects include Christmas Families, DHS Food Pantry, and Li'l Pantries.

Li'l Pantries, there are five around the community, really helped in 2020's year of food insecurity and people less able to get out.

People take what they need and give what they can. It's an easy way to give and take without recognition or judgment.

Christmas Families is one of our biggest, serving 44 families last year. We had 20 volunteers plus spouses and kids wrapping gifts and staging food in the NW Christian Church gym, a huge benefit in the middle of COVID social distancing.

"For ten years I was the wife of a Rotarian before joining myself. So I could be a part of these things ... and got to meet each of you through the eyes of a spouse before becoming a Rotarian."



Community BBQs, launched 2020, for 6 weeks in 6 community locations with burgers from Jem 100 and a side of fun, masks, gloves and hope! For Free!



DHS Teen Room Makeover ... when families come to visit children in foster care use these stark white, sparsely furnished room.

They found a Foosball table, they painted, and more comfortable seating and made the space much more inviting and uplifting.

NHS Fence Project for the Life Skills program. The work took 2 days, and got a big leg up from Rick.

Tina's Barn work day, a few weekends ago, for some fence repair, brush and weed clearing.

Friendsview Cemetery, in the future during



the meeting, was last weekend. The team trimmed and blew off weeds, had coffee and donuts, and denied Rachel yet another year on the weedwhacker. :D