



The Big Wheel

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This Week's Program - January 5, 2021



Helping Our Wolves Learn

The H.O.W.L. Transition Program is an amazing new program for students with intellectual disabilities and/or autism who are transitioning out of high school into college and young adulthood. The program has its own curriculum, which includes oral comm, financial literacy, independent living skills, healthy relationships, social and interpersonal skills, career planning, and internships. It provides the A-State experience to students. The H.O.W.L. Transition Program also provides supports to students who may need mentoring, independent living skills, social skills, tutoring, and career planning. The H.O.W.L. Transition Program helps the students achieve academic success in the classroom, in daily life, or independent skills.

Dr. Kristin Johnston, Professor of Psychology at A-State, is the founder of the H.O.W.L. Transition Program. Tune in and listen to what made her establish the program and how it is going.



The fun in fundraising

By **Nancy Shepherdson**

You might think that an 18-member Rotary club would be satisfied with donating a few thousand dollars to its community each year. For some small clubs, even that sum would likely come out of its members' own pockets.

Yet the Rotary Club of Lake in the Hills, Illinois, USA, donates close to \$90,000 each year to worthy local and international causes. The Rotarians created an event that draws as many as 20,000 people from the village and surrounding far northwest suburbs of Chicago. Taking advantage of a circuit of rib chefs who travel the country appearing at similar fests, the [Rockin' RibFest](#), which runs for four days in July, also features an amateur rib cook-off, food booths (often staffed by other Rotary clubs), and live music. Since its modest beginnings in 2005, the RibFest has become the club's signature event and an annual tradition for many area families.

Jim Wales remembers how it got started. Members of the club, which had been chartered only the year before, decided they wanted to focus on one fundraiser per year. "People get tired if you try to do more than that," says Wales. "But we realized that we couldn't do a really big fundraiser by ourselves." Lake in the Hills Rotarians put out the call for volunteers and emphasized that the money raised would stay in the community. Youth groups were offered a \$5 donation for every volunteer hour worked. Today, some groups take home several thousand dollars a year.

Planning for the first fest took eight months, says Wales. "Our attitude was that failure was not an option. We wanted, above all, to be beneficial to all concerned."

According to a survey conducted by the firm Software Advice, fundraising events that include nonsport competitions, such as the RibFest, are the easiest for small nonprofits such as Rotary clubs to pull off successfully. Such events combine relative ease of execution with the lowest cost per dollar raised. Other high-earning, relatively low-cost community fund-raisers include fun runs and walks.

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Good News, December 29, 2020

Brenda Fasulo gave thanks that 2020 was about over.





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Events

All face-to-face events have been postponed due to the coronavirus.

Weekly meetings online.

January 5 , 2021 ♦ Weekly meeting. Dr. Kristin Johnson, H.O.W.L. Transition Program

January 12 , 2021 ♦ Weekly meeting. Dr. Michael Thompson, MLT Motorsports

January 19, 2021 ♦ Weekly meeting. Dr. Marcus Tribbett, The Arkansas Review

Birthdays



Gary Higgins
January 3rd



Lillie Fears
January 6th



Chad Harbison
January 6th

Last Week's Program, December 29, 2020



Our speaker for December 29 was supposed to be Allyson Lewis but because she became ill and had to get a COVID test, she had to postpone her program until a later date. Because of the last minute cancellation, our Rotary program consisted of ideas to raise funds.

The Sports Show for 2021 has been cancelled due to the coronavirus. This has left our club with no fundraiser as we depended on the Sports Show as our primary event to raise money to support various charitable projects. Ideas were exchanged as to what we could do to replace it. Several members wanted to do a golf tournament. Members were asked to send ideas to President **Gary Higgins**.

Al Poston said attendance on ZOOM represented only about one-third of total membership. Absent members were missing out on some outstanding programs. He suggested that members who did attend call missing members and let them know they are missed and that just because we don't meet in person, we continue to have great programs and fellowship. All in attendance agreed.

Report Card - December 29, 2020

Membership
Total Active Members - 128
Active members - 49
Active-Modern - 9
Active-Partner - 4
Active-Service - 41
Active-LOA - 0
♦Active Rule of 85 ♦ members - 25
Honorary members - 6

Total Attendance - 29
Active Members - 28
Honorary members - 0
Proposed - 1
Guests - 0
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Nanette Heard
January 9th



Cathy Frans
January 9th



David A Eckert
January 12th