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Club of Cranberry Township - Sunrise

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Cynthia Maser
November 26th

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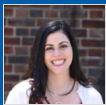
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Bulletin - Club Meeting 11.6.2020

By Erica Anne Sabatini on Saturday, November 7, 2020

Guests: Jeff Patton

Members in attendance (via online): Michael Pologruto, Erica Sabatini, Vic Conrad, Jack Cohen, Tim Hester, Shawn Firster, Ron Gigler, Nancy Iglesias, Mark Segar, Cynthia Maser, Karen Newpol, Elayne Wilhelm, Michael Peuler, Mike Patsy, Matt Fiore, Kevin Flaherty, and Dave Capan

Happy Bucs:

- Michael Peuler is happy that his wife is going to be a grandmother again but this time to beautiful twin girls! Congrats!!!!
- Ron is happy that we are officially over with Zombies of the Corn parking, and it was a fantastic year for donations!
- Mark Segar is ecstatic that this is the last day of his PA audit (standard audit) and everything has looked good!

News:

- **Zombies Parking:** Overall, the last weekend decent until Sunday. We raised \$2,056 net donations from this past weekend. The total six (6) weekends we raised \$11,674!! Debbie and Ryan sent Jack a note thanking us for our help and hope to see us again next year.
- **Raffle Tickets:** Make sure you get your tickets from Mark Segar if you have not already. We have this month to sell them! The more we sell, the better chance we have of making a better profit.
- **Municipal Center Christmas Trees:** Yesterday was the first day to start putting up trees for this year's competition. Michele, Karen and a few other Rotarians will be putting up our stellar tree. We have until Thursday, November 19 to put up our tree.
- **Dictionary Program:** The schools do not want us to visit the schools, but Michael suggests that we compile everything and let the teachers distribute the dictionaries to the students. We may be able to work with teachers to set up a series of Zoom meetings to present the dictionaries to the students coupled with a small presentation on Rotary and who we are. According to Tim, the classrooms are equipped with the technology for Zoom meetings so we could hold the meeting for all the classes at the same time. The Board will discuss this at the meeting today.
- **Hybrid Meetings:** Mark your calendars! Friday, November 13 will be our first hybrid meeting back at the Marriott on 228! Please note that the hotel does not have a breakfast buffet at this time; however, they are offering a breakfast menu. Jack and Mark will be there early to set up. Hope to see you there! Ron will send a follow-up email to the Club regarding this.
- **Zone 33/34 Leadership Summit:** This will be November 20-21. You can register online at DACdb. This is a free event. Pittsburgh is hosting so be sure to attend and represent the Steel City!
- **DACdb:** We have started the process of changing our domain name. Ron will be reaching out to DACdb later to determine the status of this change.
- **Paul Harris Fellow:** Michael will be doing this through November and December as there has been another match.

Member Spotlight:

None today.

Presentation:

Jeff is the owner of the Baseball Card Castle right here in Cranberry Township. He was instrumental in helping with the Sports Memorabilia Event. He and his wife opened the store in May 1990 after graduating from college. Jeff grew up in the New Castle area. They have 15 million (yes MILLION) cards in their inventory.

Over the last 30 years, they started exclusively selling cards. However, over the years, people are gravitating to memorabilia. Jeff pays players to come in to autograph items for patrons so that everyone knows that they are authentic and people can meet players. This has become more difficult over the years due to players/agents charging significantly hefty amounts for these types of



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events. Plus the addition of COVID-19 is another added layer of complexity. Pre-COVID, they would try to have one (1) player per month. Jeff tries to find interesting players who will interact with the community, because he wants his customers to have a pleasant experience and not feel like they are at a cattle call.

Jeff also sells trains and other types of models. They like to have some elements for little kids that would interest them while dad is looking at items. When they started in 1990, they had all Pirates items, because they were hot. Folks still want to purchase historical items and are still fans of the icons of old.

The Baseball Card Castle hosts auctions online. However, the majority of their sales still come from brick and mortar.

Jeff has collected cards since he was a little kid. He loves having a business where he can also uplift Jesus while doing something that he loves. Once a week on 93.7 The Fan, he has Card of the Week where he gives away a card. He tries to keep it topical and really enjoys it. Jeff's favorite card that he ever owned, and was the #1 card asked for in his store, is a Roberto Clemente 1955 Tops card. The most valuable card he sold was a 1952 Mickey Mantle rookie card. Coincidentally, 1952 was the first year Tops started making baseball cards.

Fun Facts:

- At the Wife Carrying World Championships in Finland, the first prize for the winner is the wife's weight in Beer.
- Enzo Ferrari told a man you may be able to drive a tractor but you will never be able to handle a Ferrari properly. The man was so angry that he vowed to create the perfect car. His name was Ferruccio Lamborghini.