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The Rotary Club of Madison, CT

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Call to Order: By President Susan Wagner

Time: 8:04 AM

Pledge of Allegiance: Robert Friend. Prayer: Susan

Happy / Sad Dollars: Michael P 5\$ for high hopes speaker, Olando in the

marathon and for his guest; Scott 5\$ - his daughter is off to Arizona for school and his company is merging with another bank which will lead to many opportunities; Susan sad news for a nephew going into hospice only 36 years old, happy for guest speaker; Robert thank you to BJ for guest speakers, happy for High Hopes for their presentation and Teddy graduated college and moving to LA: 5 Olando for the speaker and he will be running the NYC marathon.



Announcements:

- Susan The club had a change in treasures and Janet will take over temporarily till end of the year.
- Stephanie from the Stratford Club, a guest of Michael Perry, next DG after Robert.
- Susan there was a discussion about a few individuals with cancer that may need financial assistance. There are a few organizations that help out with only cancer patients and maybe our club can get them some help also.
- Michael is doing another food drive which last year was very successful along with being a fun time stay tuned for more updates.
- Robin will fill in for Susan for two weeks as Susan will be away!
- 5th Thursday this August sounds like everyone was in favor of a good time at the beach, end of summer gathering stay tune for updates!
- Next week guest speaker
- Olando will be running the NYC marathon we can pledge to help.
- President elects are coming up soon and Susan needs to find someone!
- Board meeting on the 24th of August at 8AM, to go over the budget.
- Invoices for dues will be sent out this month so please pay on time!
- Diane is doing a great job with Facebook page and the website. Thank you.
- Susan is working on Thank You notes to all sponsors of the Carnival Several ideas were mentioned, stay tune for updates. Help will be needed.



Kitty Stalsburg - Executive director of High Hopes

Special camps of all kinds BENEFITTING THE BODIES, MINDS, AND SPIRITS OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIE

High Hopes fosters a community where horse and human interactions improve lives.

- Founded in 1974 and by late 1980's they had grown so much they needed to purchase their own space which is where they are today. We plan to organize a field trip to High Hopes soon!
- **97% of work force are volunteers** volunteers are in need especially since Covid, many opportunities for all areas of the foundation in 2016 they had over 200 and now they are down to the 140 range so work force development is in need. They do take high school students but it's difficult now since many are looking for jobs.
- Training for volunteers takes 3 hours or so and then they find a place for each individual.
- Amazing herd of horses, they are always in need of new horss
- 20 to 23 horsesmost range from 12-15 years old.
- To learn more about this amazing organization please visit their website below!

https://highhopestr.org

Today: Dawn Harris and Jamie Delandro - Cystic Fibrosis Foundation

The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation (CFF) is a non-profit organization in the United States established to provide the means to cure and control cystic fibrosis (CF). The Foundation provides information about cystic fibrosis and finances CF research that aims to improve the quality of life for people with the disease. The Foundation also engages in legislative lobbying for cystic fibrosis.Cystic fibrosis (CF) is a progressive, fatal genetic disease that affects the lungs, digestive system, and other organs. CF



causes thick, sticky mucus to build up in the lungs, which leads to life-threatening lung infections and ultimately, respiratory failure. There are approximately 30,000 people with CF in the United States and 70,000 worldwide. In recent years, there have been transformative, new mutation-targeted therapies approved for 90% of the CF community. Unfortunately, those with "nonsense mutations" are part of the unlucky 10% of the CF community that do not benefit from these life-changing drugs. They still contend with the same deadly disease that cystic fibrosis has always been — waiting with bated and fading breath for their breakthrough therapy. **Welcome to our Club Dawn and Jamie!**

