

It was Club Assembly Day, or as some call it, our Club Business meeting. The fourth Tuesday is the meeting that brings us an update on all that is going on in our club and our Board meetings. So, while the "cat's away" (Pres. Tom Slaymaker), the mice did play (ok, we happily assembled), as president-elect Byron Brown took the lead. So, here is the news that is fit to report:

*Byron Brown is heading to PETS (President-Elect Training) this weekend.

*Strawberry Festival is this weekend. Have you volunteered? March 2/3..Make Shortcakes

*One Bag in Whispering Pines Park..Tuesday, March 5 with Floral City Elementary. Come and join us, if you can. We are the noisy group having lots of fun at the Pavilion.

*100 Club – Well, this is it. We completed all the drawing. Here are the results: From last week (which we didn't do) - \$10 – Tom, \$20 – Paul Wheeler, \$30 – Brandie Ballard

This week - \$10-Trish, \$20-Tom, \$30-Darrick Buettner. And for the Final Drawing: \$100-Chris Dudley, and (drum roll here), for \$200(yep, you guessed it), TOM SLAYMAKER !!!!!

*Eloy Nunez updated us on the "First 30 Seconds" program which is being developed in conjunction with Tampa Bay Bucs, Rotarians, and Local Sheriffs to bring awareness of correct actions when being stopped by police. This effort will be brought into schools to educate young drivers about proper responses and to dispel fear of police approaching a driver after being stopped. Their mission is to save lives and save livelihoods. Peace and Conflict Resolution, another Rotary initiative. If you are interested in learning more or getting involved, contact Eloy. Training will be at St. Leo.

*Ned Barry updated us on our student from Guatemala. The good news is that she is on schedule to graduate this year! We are hoping that her future will be bright and that she will be able to help others make their way.

*Abbey Blocker update from Ned indicated that her host club and family are advocating with Rotary International to feature her in the Rotary magazine. We will also be in touch with her on March 19 on zoom.

*Brewfest – John Murphy gave us a recap of the success. He indicated tickets were down a little with 578 sold. The VIP ticket price was probably a little high and general was fine. Silent Auction dollars went up, but 50/50 and the booze wagon did not. Our overhead was less this year. It appears that we will have brought in @\$42,000.

*Special Thanks were given to Lace and John for anchoring the event, to the workers that just did what needed to be done and gave their day to make sure that everything was ready: Barb Wheeler, Laura Grady, Laura Husser, Lisa Cino. And also, a Special Thank You recognition to John Cino who came back on Sunday to pick up everything that was stored overnight and deliver where it needed to go! We appreciate all that you do.

*Lace gave us the heads-up that April 13th we will be helping with Habitat for Humanity. Also, the District Conference is April 25.

*Coming up Next Week: Blessing Panty AND Church Without Walls Feed Citrus March 6.

H/sad Dollars - \$86

50/50 - \$17.50 to Ned Barry (probably won because Tom wasn't here!)