

Due to some unforeseen circumstances, our guest speaker “Greg Hamilton” was unable to give his presentation. After all, 6 flight delays and a flat tire in the parking garage in the wee hours should not be an excuse! It brings to mind that song “if it hadn’t been for bad luck, I probably wouldn’t have any luck at all”. So, despite our disappointment, and many hugs to Greg, the meeting took on a new shape.

Business news: Byron reported that we are in our slow season, but we have many opportunities coming soon. He also reminded us that there is an overall dues increase of \$4.00/month.

Membership Engagement: Byron then asked us to share some of the reasons we joined Rotary. It comes as no surprise that some of the words were: kids, friendship, service, and emotional support. There were stories that unfolded including Greg telling us about a relative who developed leukemia after being involved in the New York 911 tragedy and how the club spontaneously raised money to develop a fund for the treatment of leukemia. Eloy talked about his son and mental illness and how a club in our district had built a facility to aid in the care of individuals with this disease. His son had the opportunity to be a part of their service. He is doing well now.

Returning guest: Melissa from Remember Me, Kidney Org had the opportunity to share her journey of extreme hypertension and kidney transplants.

Induction: Eddie Levin was joined by his son to be inducted into our club. Formerly with the Crystal River Rotary Club, Eddie has moved to the downtown Inverness area to be closer to the bike trail. He shared that he grew up in foster care after his mother couldn’t care for him due to illness, has been married for 56 years, graduated from LSU, and is currently in the insurance business.

Club News:

*Cooter Pond Clean up – deadline for the hold harmless is before Sept 3. See Michael Dandurand. The event is Sept 21.

*Reminder: We have two Fireside Chats coming! Aug 28 Tom Monroe and Aug 29 Ed Koch on zoom at noon.

Happy/Sad dollars - \$78
50/50 - \$34 to Vera

Did you know that Paul Perregaux has been a member of rotary for 60 years? And Ned has been a member over 50 years? Or that Rick Rollason first came to a rotary meeting with his dad in 1980? Amazing!