

Rotary Club of Western Springs

August 26th Steak Fry, 2020

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Dear Rotary District 6450.

As requested , the Western Springs Rotary Club held a very successful community event for Veterans and 1st responders on August 26, 2020. This event was tailored to accommodate the COVID-19 emergency requirements established by Governor Pritzker. Normally we hold the event at the Baptist Church of Western Springs however that venue was not allowed. We decided to look for a safe enclosed venue that would accommodate no more than 6 per table, 6 feet socially distant. After a search, we found that the Village Club of Western Springs would accommodate the luncheon for Veterans and/or 1st Responders. We combined resources with senior living, Plymouth Place and executed a simultaneous event/broadcast at the 2 venues All-in-all more than 75 were honored by Leader Jim Durkin) and lunch was provided. The approximate cost of the lunches was \$1400, donated by Jay Biere a member of our club and CEO of Plymouth Place. The only way we could hold the event at the Village Club required the expenditure of \$750 to join. Bottom line, the event was quite successful and could not have been held unless the membership was completed.

Based on the forgoing, we are requesting that the \$750 expenditure be considered as a legitimate expense and be subject for the requested reimbursement of \$375.

Thank you for this unusual consideration however these certainly are unusual times. We hope to return to the normal venue this year at the Baptist church and therefore continued membership at the Village Club would not be considered as reportable grant expense.

We would be happy to provide additional information or answer any questions.

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