



The Spoke

On Journeying

Mei-Mei Chan offers Insight and Inspiration



Last week we heard from Mei-Mei Chan, President and Publisher of the News-Press Media Group. Born in Canton, China, Mei-Mei lived in Hong Kong until her family immigrated to Chicago when she was seven.

Known as a dynamic community catalyst, Mei-Mei has brought an impressive record of journalistic accomplishment to her current role at the News-Press. As one example, she was one of ten Gannett publishers awarded the “President’s Ring” for 2010 achievements.

Mei-Mei also briefed us on the breadth and impact the News-Press and the News-Press Media Group have on Southwest Florida. Part of a global/media marketing company, the News-Press is the largest manufacturer in Lee County, supporting nearly 150 organizations, employing 300 and supporting the community through donations of \$600,000 to 56 organizations through the Gannett Foundation.

Finally Mei-Mei reflected on the concept of “life long journeying,” emphasizing the foundational, discovery, and purpose aspects of all our lives. Thanks Mei-Mei for your presentation—one that was especially interesting and insightful.

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LASTWEEK'S MEETING

President Stephanie presided. **Dave Shellenbarger** led the invocation; **Dave Langendorfer (rr)** the Pledge of Allegiance and Don Ketterhagen of the Rotary Club of Cashiers Valley, the 4 Way Test. **Ron Anderson** conducted and led "Easter Parade."

We began our meeting by welcoming two new members to our Club, **Claudie Delgado-Feeney** and **Jasmin Mann**, pictured with their sponsors **President Stephanie** and **Mark McCaw**. Claudie is a dentist in Bonita Springs She and her family reside in the Stoneybrook community. **Jasmin Mann**, and her finance **Howard Lemus**, always been great supporters of our Club (especially our Christmas Tree sale) reside in Bonita Bay. Welcome Claudie and Jasmine.



President Stephanie then invited Don Ketterhagen to our podium as we celebrated



another "banner" moment. Don is a member of the Rotary Club of Cashiers Valley, North Carolina and proudly presented **President**

Stephanie with his Club's banner. Thanks Don!

Todd Kluener invited us to participate in a Golf Outing April 27 to benefit the Center for the Arts. Please see Todd if you would like additional information.

President Stephanie acknowledged the efforts of **Peter O'Flinn's Southwest Spotlight** in highlighting and reporting our Club's events and initiatives. The *Spotlight's* coverage of our recent service trip to the Honduras offers an excellent example. Thanks Peter.

Dale Timple stepped into the Member Spotlight last week. A certified general contractor, Dale and his family have lived in Southwest Florida for almost fifteen years. He reflected on the challenges of the construction industry since 1998. In response, Dale founded T Squared Renovations, Inc. which company specializes in smaller scale renovations and commercial projects.



Dale devotes full time and attention to every aspect of the company and enjoys doing so. Dale understands the importance of contributing to our community, as he participates in the Bonita Blues Festival Committee. He also happily reports that his entire family now lives in Florida, having migrated from Ohio. He closed his remarks by reflecting how consistent the principles of the Four Way Test are with his personal beliefs and business practices. Thanks Dale. We're glad you are a member of our Club.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENTS RECEIVE HONORARY DEGREES

Rotary International President Sakuji Tanaka and Past RI Presidents Kalyan Banerjee and Rajendra K. Saboo accepted honorary doctorate degrees this past week on behalf of Rotary International from IIS University in Jaipur, India, in recognition of the service to society provided by Rotary and by the professional, community, and business leaders who join together for action in Rotary clubs around the world.

Tanaka, who selected the theme Peace Through Service for his term as president, was honored during the special convocation on 25 March in Jaipur for efforts to promote peace. Banerjee and Saboo were honored for their efforts toward the eradication of polio, which has been Rotary's top priority for more than two decades.

Ashok Gupta, vice chancellor of the university, said the degrees were bestowed not so much as individual honors but in recognition of the spirit of Service Above Self demonstrated by Rotarians everywhere.

“There are thousands of Rotarians of the world who are contributing ceaselessly to the welfare of mankind,” Gupta said. “The honor of these three is symbolic, and through them goes to the organization and those who have made it happen. A large number of Rotarians will be motivated to do good in the world by this singular event.”



Rotary Club of Bonita Springs, chartered November 3, 1978, meets every Tuesday at Pelican's Nest Club. The Club may be contacted through its mailing address P.O. Box 474, Bonita Springs Florida 34133, or its websites www.bonitaspringsrotary.org and www.facebook.com/myrotary. **The Spoke**, the Club's official newsletter, is published weekly throughout the year (except when the Club is in recess.) You can reach the Spoke through its email riverchip12-spoke@yahoo.com.



"The Fifty-Fifty"
This Week's Big Prize--\$2486.

A delighted Steve McIntosh drew the Jack of Hearts to win \$500.

As always...we're all winners as the "fifty-fifty" helps keep our Club strong and ready to serve.

"Rotary Sings"

"April Showers"



April Showers Bring May Flowers

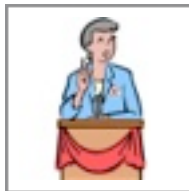
Though April showers may come your way,
They bring the flowers that bloom in May.
So if it's raining, have no regrets,
Because it isn't raining rain, you know, (It's raining violets,)
And where you see clouds upon the hills,
You soon will see crowds of daffodils,
So keep on looking for a blue bird,
And list'ning for his song,
Whenever April showers come along.



It's A Birthday Celebration!

Jim O'Leary, April 4

Our Upcoming Speakers



This Morning,
David Riker,
"Florida Tarpons."

April 9, Guillermo Phillips, M.D., "Autism"

April 16, Paul McGrath, Esq., "Are We or The Supreme Court Ready for Same Sex Marriage?"

April 23, Christine Ross and Carl Schwing "Bonita Springs and Economic Development"

April 30, "Club Assembly"

The 4-Way Test
Of the things we think, say or do.

Is it the **TRUTH**?
Is its **FAIR** to all concerned?
Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

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