



The Spoke

“On to Boston”

“An Evening of Fun and Friendship Supports Jon and Gift of Life”



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LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President Bobbi presided over an especially action packed meeting. **Donna Marcotte** delivered the invocation; Commander Jim Mayer, Flotilla 96 led the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Harv Humphrey** the 4 Way Test. **Ron Anderson** conducted a spirited version of "On Top of Old Smokey."

Estero High School Awards of Excellence

President Bobbi called upon **Jack Powers** to conduct the final presentation of Estero High School Awards of Excellence for this school year. Before so doing, Jack called upon Principal George Clover for introductory remarks. Principal at Estero High School for the past ten years, Mr. Clover has announced his retirement. He acknowledged and offered thanks for the support Rotary has continued to provide Estero High School. Jack then introduced this month's award recipients which included Dr. Lisa Scherff, Faculty; Patricia Wilson, Staff; Jacob Hunter, Academic and Samantha Dorrian, Service. Congratulations.

"Red to Blue"

The objective of the Red Badge Program is to both welcome new members to our Club and assist them in learning about Rotary. **Kanema**



Clark had recently completed the requirements of that program and we were all pleased to witness **Peter Zahner** present Kanema with her Blue Badge. Welcome to our Club Kanema.

Ethics Award

Our Club this year is again seeking to recognize a person or organization that models "Service Above Self" and the "4 Way Test." In making nominations, Rotarians are asked to consider a nominee's length of service and involvement in the community; reputation; leadership roles; education; training and experience. Paul Harris once said, "**Rotary must not content itself with**

being anything less than a movement affecting the lives of all men and women; its requirements are so simple, its doctrines so universally acceptable that its sponsors are not visionary in thinking of Rotary as an all pervading influence."

(From *What Paul Harris Said, 2006 Archives.*) In many ways everything we do as a Club echoes and is an embodiment of Harris' profound vision of what a service organization should be, namely a group of individuals striving to affects the "lives of all men and women." It is therefore fitting and important that our Club recognize, acknowledge, and thank those who share that vision with us. Our Ethics Award attempts to do just that—it is a significant community affirmation and demonstration of who and what "we are." Our Awards Committee has tasked itself with the important role of determining who that Award recipient should be and we need to help. Please give thoughtful consideration to one individual or organization you believe is deserving of this recognition. You will be asked to submit that name to our Awards Committee at our next Club meeting.

“Around The Club”

Last Week’s Program

Last week, **Kenny King** (himself a member of Flotilla 96) introduced us to “America’s Volunteer Lifesavers,” the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. Formed and approved by Congress in 1938 there are currently over 33,000 auxiliary members nationwide and 5,569 members here in the Southeast. Lt/Commander of Flotilla 96, Jim Mayer, a resident of Bonita Springs and Bonita Bay offered an interesting and interactive presentation highlighting the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary’s goal and strategy of ensuring that, as the organization’s website suggests, “the public has a safe, secure and enjoyable recreational boating experience by implementing programs that minimize the loss of life, personal injury, and property damage while cooperating with environmental and national security efforts.” Thank you gentlemen for your visit and all that you do.



Boston to Key West

Jon McLeod introduced us to Carter Wheeler, owner of Time Trial Cycle in Naples hosted a “Spinning Marathon” Participants and spectators had the opportunity to observe Jon spin continuously from 7 am to 7 pm. Bikes were also rented hourly allowing participants to pedal along with Jon.

Carter described Jon’s efforts as “inspirational” and presented a check for \$785, representing proceeds raised during the Spinning Marathon.



Habitat for Humanity

President Bobbi acknowledged and thanked our Habitat work group, pictured below. Thanks for participating in this most Rotarian of initiatives.



A New Member Moment

We were pleased to welcome **Scott Vail** as the newest member of our Club. Scott is sponsored by **Dale Timple**.



Rotary Club of Bonita Springs, chartered November 3, 1978, meets every Wednesday at Bonita Bay 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- $\$3380$

Last week an ecstatic Rex Sims drew the Nine of Diamonds to win $\$5.00$.

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

"Rotary Sings" "Anchors Aweigh"



Anchors
Aweigh, my
boys, Anchors
Aweigh!

Farewell to
Foreign Shores, we sail at
break of day-ay-ay-ay;
Through our last night on
shore, drink to the foam,
Until we meet once more,
here's wishing you a happy
voyage home!

Blue of the Seven Seas, Gold
of God's great sun;
Let these our colors be Till,
All of time be done-n-n-ne;
By Severn shore we learn,
Navy's stern call:
Faith, courage, service true,
With honor over, honor over
all!



It's A Birthday Celebration!

None to Report



Our Upcoming Speakers

**This Morning,
Lt. Col. Robert Frazier,
U.S. Army Retired
"Veteran's Issues"**

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?

This Morning's Invocation

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
in this week of national remembering, we recall with
appreciation the blessings of the past which give us
reason for hope in the future. We are grateful that life for
us is not just an isolated moment, but an experience
linking us with yesterday.

We give thanks for the gift of memory by which past
relationships and experiences continue to be cherished.
With somber reflection but also with rejoicing, we have
assembled to pursue our Rotarian purposes. Bless for our
enrichment the food and fellowship we take for granted
but which are precious gifts from Your beneficent Hand.

Amen.

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