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# The Rotary Club of Bonita Springs

Week 23



December 5, 2012

## Cover Story

**Mark Generales** got up early last Wednesday and participated in a live TV interview at the Christmas Tree Tent. The story included Mark describing Rotary International's and the club's charitable activities, a great presentation of the trees, mention of the sponsors, and slide showing the hours of operation. Great job Mark!

## This Week

Our speaker will be **Kevin Carmichael** of the Center for the Great Apes. The Center's mission is to provide a permanent sanctuary for orangutans and chimpanzees who have been rescued or retired from the entertainment industry, from research, or who are no longer wanted as pets. The Center provides care with dignity in a safe, healthy, and enriching environment for great apes in need of lifetime care.

## Last Week: Meeting

President **Stephanie Kissenger** presided. **Dave Shellenbarger** offered very appropriate invocation, **Jim Horein** led the Pledge of Allegiance, and **Klaus Helf** guided us through the 4-Way Test. **Ron Anderson** led the singing of *Amazing Grace*.

**Bobbi Bird** announced that there will be a kickoff party for **Relay for Life**, Wednesday, Dec 5th at the Estero Pavillion, Bonita Bay. There is no charge.

Stephanie reported that the **Bonita Springs Concert Band** will have its holiday concert in Riverside Park at 2 PM Sunday, Dec 9th.

**Bobbi Bird** took a moment to praise potential new member **Dale Timple**. Dale provided help at the Tent when a scheduled member had to leave early and he helped unload both of the tree delivery trucks. In addition, he has volunteered to pick up two donated bicycles that will be used for the Sheriff's toy drive. Dale and his wife Teri Lamaine are the founders of **T Squared Renovations** a general contractor specializing in residential and commercial renovations and construction.

**Jay Berube**, Christmas Tree committee chairman, again recognized the sponsors and thanked Dale Timple for using his truck to bring the tent's equipment from storage. Then Jay delivered a motivational speech that would have made Knute Rockne proud. Remember, "The number 1 Rule is **No One** leaves without a tree and/or a wreath."

**Nancy Ross**, President of the Foundation Trustees, announced that a donation had been sent to District 7490 to help with Hurricane Sandy relief.

**Jon McLeod**, alternative fund raiser, said he would no longer provide change if you leave more than \$5 on the table. The amount over \$5 will be counted as additional cards with the same picks. **Bob Gillette** and Jon were tied for lowest picks with 7 right. **Jane Goble** went from a

dismal last to this week's winner.



**Tom Burgess** introduced two visiting FGCU Rotaract members. **Jon Shannon** (left) is a freshman at FGCU and was president of his Interact club at his high school. **Antoine de Maleissye-Melun** is from France and is

treasurer.

**Sandy Scoggins** thanked the Rotaract Club for manning the tent the night of the Christmas Party.

**George Cohan** is asking for the Christmas Party goers to send or bring in checks as soon as possible. He led a celebration of **Greg Holtz's** birthday which included a rousing "Go Tribe". **Carl Bals** celebrated with the traditional Happy Birthday song sung by the "70 and under" chorus.

### **Get a Haircut: 10% for Rotary**



Get a haircut or hair do or whatever at The Salon Aveda in November or December and 10% of the price will be donated to the Club. The salon is at 26831 Tamiami Tr. S. #46, in the Bonita Bay Plaza just across the street from the Bonita Bay off W. Terry St. Phone 239-949-0500. Tell them

**Jamie Weaver** sent you

## **Last Week: iGifted School**



**Jim O'Reilly** is executive director of this 501C(3) startup that is developing programs offering outside of school educational opportunities to gifted and talented middle school kids.

Jim believes the gifted and talented programs in public schools have been abandoned because of changes in spending priorities brought by NCLB.

He noted that in China there are more students attending special gifted and talented high schools than the total number of U.S. high school students. This does not bode well for our future world competitive position.

The learning is conducted on-line from home with parental and instructor oversight. The student is anonymous in the "chat room" so that his identity is not known to others. However, there are incentives for working cooperatively with the other participants. Two programs are currently offered, math and debate. Jim is currently looking for more "students" in order to scale up the effort. More information is at: [www.igiftedschool.org](http://www.igiftedschool.org)

\$\$\$ 50/50 \$\$\$

This Week's Big Prize: \$1,280±

Last Week: Surprised guest Dan Apple



\$1/ticket. 3 for \$2. 10 for \$5. 25 for \$10.

**Happy Birthday!**

**John Mathes      Dec 10**  
**Sandy Scoggins   Dec 11**

### The Spoke Folk

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of things we think, say or do.

Is it the **TRUTH**?  
Is it **FAIR TO ALL CONCERNED**?  
Will it build **GOODWILL** and  
**BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?  
Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all **CONCERNED**?



## O Christmas Tree

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree,  
How lovely are they branches!  
Not only green when summer's here  
But in the coldest time of year.  
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree,  
How lovely are they branches!

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree,  
You give us so much pleasure!  
How oft at Christmas time the sight,  
O Noble fir gives us delight!  
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree,  
You give us so much pleasure!

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