



# The Spoke

## Jon McCleod:

### The Ride and The Gift of Life



Jon McCleod spoke to us about bicycling, his upcoming Boston to Key West bicycle ride, and the Gift of Life program. He described an accident he had in 2007 when he lost a battle with an F150 pickup truck. He is back to bicycling again after recovering from his injuries and overcoming his fear of riding.

He described the most common bike/auto accident, known as the Right Cross. It happens when a vehicle

enters an intersection, crossing from the right, over the cycling lane or road edge without looking for an oncoming cyclist.

Jon described the Boston to Key West trip as a "bucket list" item for him. It is a 1,900 mile trip that he wants to cover in 10-18 days. He is currently training 200 miles/week and now has gotten Brian Walton, an Olympian and World Champion, as a coach.

The Gift of Life is a Rotarians based program, not an RI program. There are now 71 programs throughout the world. The program provides treatment for children with congenital heart disease. So far 15,000 kids from 68 countries have been helped.

The traditional procedure was to bring kids to the U.S. at cost of \$5-10,000; stay at Rotarian's homes; have surgery locally; recover at Rotarian's homes; and return home after 4 or more weeks. Now, emphasis is shifting to trying to provide doctor training and outfitting surgery centers to do the surgery in the home country.

Jon has not set a goal for raising money for GoL from his trip. He is planning to speak at local Rotary Clubs each day. He is looking for sponsors and people who might make large donations and matching grant challenges. Naming rights are available. His blog is [www.bos2kw.com](http://www.bos2kw.com). Spread the word.

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## LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President-Elect **Sandy Scoggins** presided. **Andy Frech** (rr) read the invocation; **Jon McLeod** led the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Dave Shellenbarger** flawlessly recited the 4-Way Test.

Sandy asked for a cheer for **Claudie Feeney** and **Annette Dati** who are running in the New York Marathon on Sunday.

Song Leader, **Ron Anderson**, is making a song list for next year and asks for input from anyone. Here's a chance to get your favorite on the list. Ron led the singing of "The Saints Go Marching In".

**Susan Schmitt** says the delivery point for Poinsettias will be the Christmas Tree Tent rather than the First Baptist Church. For all those paying with a credit card please see **Bob Lombardo** to get it "swiped".

**Nancy Ross** reported on the Food Packing for Harry Chapin. The Foundation has donated \$2,000 which when matched will be \$6,000 for the food bank.

**Jon McLeod** reviewed the results of the football pool for the previous week. **John Spear** was the winner picking 11 of 13.

Sandy is dancing for the club in Dancing with the Stars in Collier County for Literacy Volunteers of Collier County. The show is November 8th. Tickets are \$175/each or \$50 for the show only. The Foundation has donated \$500 for the cause.



**Rotary Social** at the **Renfro's**, Friday, November 15th, from 5 pm until the whisky sours run out. Please RSVP to **Peter Zahner**, [pzahner@impex-intl.com](mailto:pzahner@impex-intl.com). Feel free to bring your favorite appetizer to put on the table.

**Scott Anderson** handed out sponsorship forms for the Christmas Tree Sale. **Jonathan Shaw** will be in charge of the sponsorship program.

**Adam Botana** announced his family has a



new boat with a bar. To introduce it, he offered a Rotary Social for some interested Rotarians.

Secretary **Tom Briers** completes Rotary Leadership Institute Session 2. Certificate presented by **Steve Agius**.



### Thanks Mark!

We owe a big Thank You to **Mark McCaw** who has done The Spoke printing since April 2007. Having The Spoke on the table every meeting is a trademark of the club and Mark did it well. The Spoke is now being printed by Jon McLeod.

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## Member Spotlight - Morgan Eldridge

Morgan Eldridge is new member of the club. He was born and raised in far away Naples, Fl. After high school, he studied advertising and communications at the U. of West Florida and then went to the U. of Georgia for appraisal certification.

Morgan joined his dad's business, Eldridge Appraisals Inc, in 2006. He specializes in tangible personal property appraisal. He says his business is mostly driven by the 3 D's. (Death, Destruction, Divorce.)

Morgan is married to Lydia. They have a 3 year old son and a 9 year



old dog.

He showed us a photo of a 1950 Chevy truck that he had restored. All the work was done in his garage except the painting. He sold the truck at its first car show. He now acts as a judge at local car shows and is in training as a docent at the Collier Collection.

Morgan joined Rotary to work with other professionals trying to make a difference for those who truly need help and to develop and join a committee that helps children with Cerebral Palsy. (His son has a light case of C.P.)

Welcome to Rotary, Morgan.

## Photos from the Food Packing



Rotaractors



Carl and Gary



**Rotary Club of Bonita Springs**, chartered November 3, 1978, meets every Wednesday at Pelican's Nest Golf Club. The Club may be contacted through its mailing address P.O. Box 474, Bonita Springs Florida 34133 or its website [www.bonitaspringsrotary.org](http://www.bonitaspringsrotary.org). **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](mailto:riverchip12-spoke@yahoo.com). Scott Gerrish issue editor.



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**When You're Smiling**

When you're smilin',  
when you're smilin'  
The whole world smiles with you  
When you're laughin',  
when you're laughin'  
The sun comes shinin' through  
But when you're cryin',  
you bring on the rain  
So stop your sighin',  
be happy again  
Keep on smilin',  
'cause when you're smilin'  
The whole world smiles with you



***It's A Birthday  
Celebration!***

Dave Shellenbarger Nov 3

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Upcoming  
Speakers

Today:

**Jim Nathan**

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**The 4-Way Test**  
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?

*This Morning's Invocation*

Good and gracious God, whose creative power and beauty can be seen in the magnificent display of color in nature, and whose splashes of living color are seen also in the rich diversity of personalities and vocational pursuits represented in this Club and throughout the Rotary enterprise, we are grateful to be part of that human kaleidoscope.

As we share our meal today, we are reminded again of the blessings and provisions for our needs, which are ultimately traceable to your goodness.

Bless also the fellowship we enjoy and the good we seek to do through our Club. Amen.

