



The Spoke

RI Service Above Self



District Governor **Pete Doragh** and District Governor Elect **Cyndi Doragh** presented club president **Sandy Hemstead** the **RI Service Above Self** award.

The RI Board chose only 125 recipients out of 1.2 million Rotarians for the 2013-14 award. This award is given based on demonstrated exemplary humanitarian service, in any form and at any level, with an emphasis on personal volunteer efforts and active involvement in helping others through Rotary. Service rendered by the nominee through Rotary must have been on a continuing basis. The award will not be given solely in recognition of one's performance in an elected or appointed Rotary assignment. Personal financial contributions to The Rotary Foundation or any individual project are not relevant considerations for this award.

This prestigious award, given to only a few in the Rotary world, is a wonderful tribute to Sandy's work over the years in executing projects for people in need.

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District 6960 Governor

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Bonita Springs Noon

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LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President **Sandy Hemstead** began her first meeting as president by breaking the bell. Then she introduced visiting District Governor **Pete Doragh** and his wife, District Governor-Elect **Cyndi Doragh**. This was the first club visit for the new District Governor.

Sandy's quote for the day was, "It's better to light a single candle, than to sit and curse the darkness." - Confucius. She explained that this was the source for the 2014-15 theme of "**Light up Rotary**." She thanked **Bobbi Bird** recognizing, "How much you have lit up Rotary in the past year" and presented Bobbi with the Past President's pin and badge.

Jay Berube presented the Invocation; **Wayne Hemstead** led the Pledge of Allegiance; and DG **Pete Doragh** recited the 4-Way Test. **Ron Anderson** led the singing of the National Anthem.

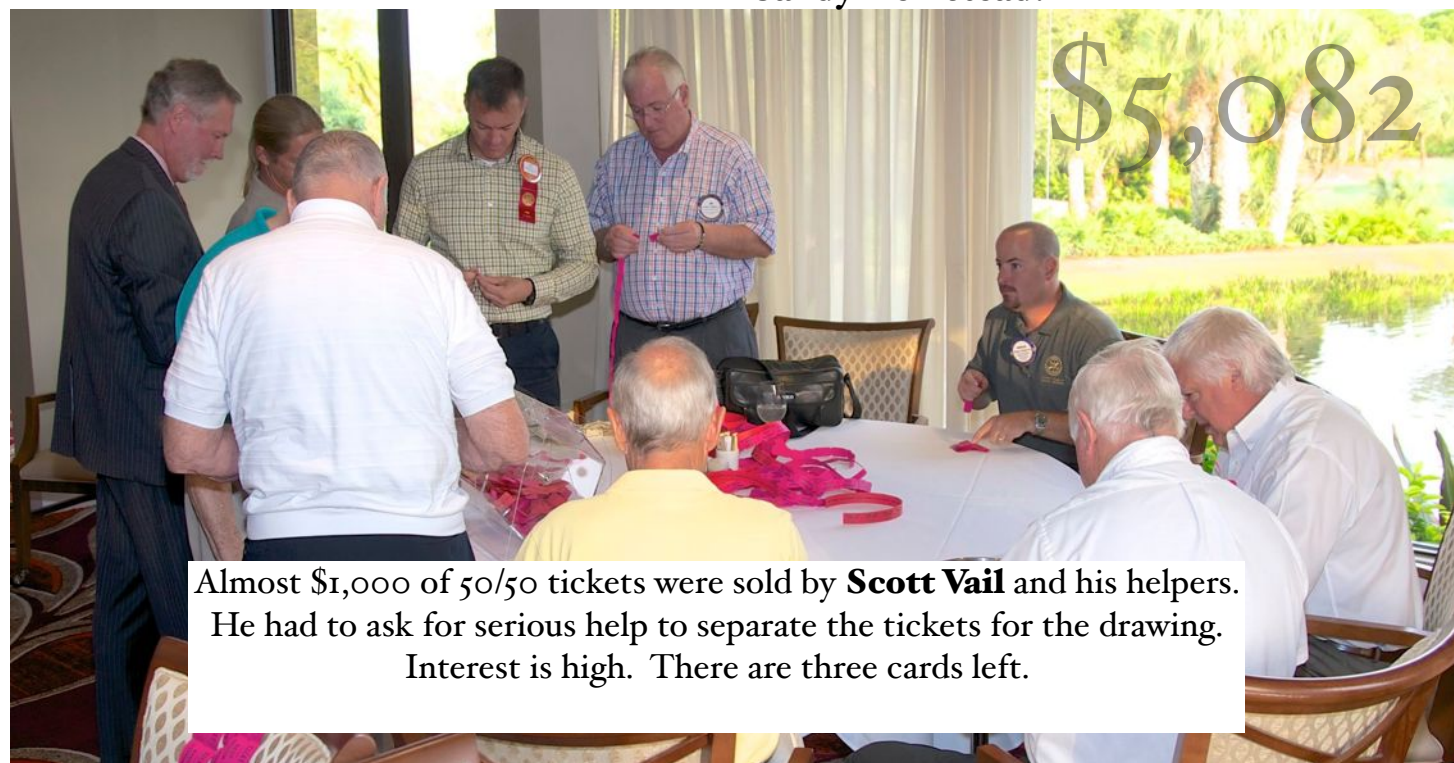
Clara Anne Graham reported the July 1st **Shots for Tots** served 13 families for a total of 22 shots. Clara Ann is looking for volunteers for the August 5th session.

Club Treasurer **Bob Lombardo** reported that dues invoices for July 1st have been

emailed. Anyone needing a paper copy should contact Bob Lombardo or **Tom Briers**. Bob says, "we are having difficulty collecting dues. Members are paying late. One third are over 90 days over due. It's becoming untenable. We have to pay expenses, Bonita Bay, and Rotary District and International. We need the dues money as soon as possible. Payments may be made at the web site or, preferably, by check given to me or mailed. We really expect dues to be paid when the invoice is received."

Tom Briers introduced Past President **Bobbi Bird** for a review of her year. **Greg Holtz** presented a slide show with music of the highlights. Bobbi reminded us that she had been unable to attend the early Passing of the Gavel because of illness. At that ceremony, **Greg Holtz** was named Rotarian of the Year and **Jon McLeod** was honored with the club's Service Above Self award.

Bobbi presented additional awards to members who had made outstanding contributions during the year to: **Stephanie Kissinger, Nancy Ross, Jim O'Leary, Carl Nickel, Kanema Clark, Tom Briers, and Sandy Hemstead**.

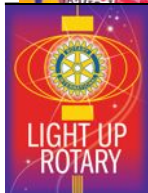


Almost \$1,000 of 50/50 tickets were sold by **Scott Vail** and his helpers. He had to ask for serious help to separate the tickets for the drawing. Interest is high. There are three cards left.

BOBBI'S SPECIAL AWARDS FOR 2013-2014



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The 50/50 Now
\$5,082



Last Week:
Pinch Hit Picker
Don Thomson

drew the 10♥ to win \$5.

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?

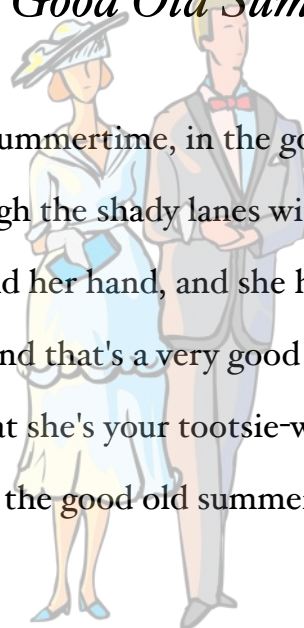
Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to
all concerned?

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Rotary Sings:
In the Good Old Summertime

In the good old summertime, in the good old summertime.
Strolling through the shady lanes with your baby mine.
You hold her hand, and she holds yours,
and that's a very good sign.
That she's your tootsie-wootsie,
in the good old summertime.



Upcoming Speakers

This Week:

Tom Burgess
Jack Powers

Mentoring Rotaracters



It's A Birthday
Celebration!

Claudie Delgado-Feeney
July 4th

This Morning's Invocation

Father of all mercies, on this summer day we gather here to not only break bread together and to enjoy social interaction, but to be reinforced in commitment to serve. Help us to use both our affluence and our influence to advance the principles and causes we espouse as Rotarians.

So often we focus on our own needs and situations and pray for your ministry to us. But today we pray for others.

Give guidance to this club, to its board, officers, committees, and to our sister clubs in our district and across the world, that a cumulative influence may be felt to the good of all.

Accept our thanks for our manifold blessings, for food, for friendship, for commonality of effort. Grant to each of us the personal peace derived from faith and courage drawn from commitment to truth. Amen.