



The Spoke

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Back Row, L to R, Mark Humphrey '02, Dick Hamlin '03, Nancy Ross '09, Dick Fredrickson '06, Don Thomson '91, Mike Bode '79, Jim Dati '10, Bobbi Bird '13, Sandy Hemstead '14
Front Row, L to R, Jim O'Leary '11, Gerry Myers '05, Buddy Cliff '85, John Mathes '87, Fred Bode '78.

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President **Sandy Hemstead** presided for Charter Day, the anniversary of the Club's chartering. There were 14 club presidents at the meeting. **Gerry Myers** presented the Invocation; First president **Fred Bode** led the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Don Thomson** flawlessly recited the 4-Way Test.

Dave Shellenbarger brought greetings from **Gary Armstrong**, 1986-87 president, who was not able to attend the meeting. **Ron Anderson** noted "our changing times". He and Ruth attended a wedding where the Bride and Groom took a "selfie" on the altar immediately after exchanging vows.

With **Sue Masters** in charge, the Rotatones lit up the room singing *This Little Light of Mine* in celebration of the RI theme of Light Up Rotary.

PP **Dick Fredrickson** told us about the founding of the **Rotatones** from a group of Christmas Carol singers. **Bobbi Bird** reported the sheet music is in her garage.



Sandy is having a reception at her house on Sunday afternoon to honor Bobbi's election to be District Governor. Please email Sandy if you plan to attend.

The book **Battlefield to Ball Field** about the Wounded Warriors Softball team is

available for \$20. Told through the prism of the team's founding players, the book takes readers on an exciting journey as it explains how this inspiring group changed the world's understanding of what caring, rehabilitation, and team really mean. See Bobbi to get a copy.



Scott Vail gave us a brief history of Poinsettia's. He advised that there were as yet unsubstantiated reports of the Poinsettia's being an aphrodisiac. Buy some and see if the report is true.



Jonathon Shaw is looking for sponsors for the Christmas Tree Tent. There will great visibility for sponsors at the tent. This is our largest external fund raiser. Let's get behind it.

Bill Banfield was Sargeant-at-arms for the day. He noted that George couldn't be here because he was still filling out his absentee ballot. Bill introduced guests and gathered a \$1 fine from the one person with no Rotary pin.

Kae Moore introduced our slideshow program of "1,800 meetings in 18 minutes" produced and narrated by **Scott Gerrish**.



PP Mike Bode, PP Fred Bode



PP John Mathes



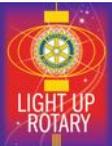
PP Buddy Cliff



Scott Gerrish



The Rotatones



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Last Week: A Neatly Trimmed Morgan Eldridge drew the 10♠ to win \$5



The 50/50 Now \$1,750+

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?

Rotary Sings: *When You're Smiling*

When you're smiling
When you're smiling
The whole world smiles with you

When you're laughing
When you're laughing
The sun comes shining through

But when you're crying
You bring on the rain
So stop your sighing, be happy again
Keep on smiling 'Cause when you're smiling
The whole world smiles with you

This Week:
Alfred Novas,
CEO Interactyz



It's A Birthday Celebration!

None to Report

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.

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