



The Spoke

The Kids are going to Kenya

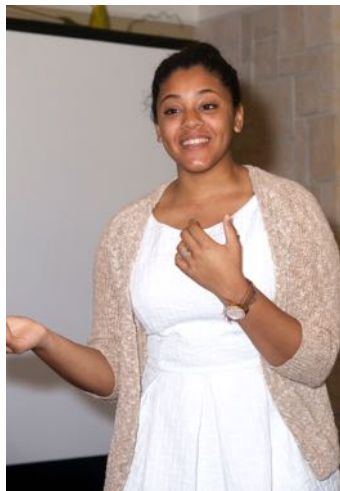


The Rotaract Club has joined with senior music performance and music education major, Sara Burley, and members of Phi Mu at FGCU in the **Muziki Project**.

The goal of the Muziki Project is to host a 2 week long music and arts camp at the Rafiki Academy in Kikuyu, Kenya during the summer of 2015. **This is an independent student led initiative driven by young men and women attending Florida Gulf Coast University.**

Robert Guido The arts is an integral part of the human experience and is a leading catalyst for social change. The supporting organization in Kenya is the Marafiki Global Aids Ministry was founded in 1998 by Rev. John Nganga. Marafiki provides food, shelter, medical care, and education to children who have been orphaned by HIV/AIDS.

Marafiki also provides resources to its surrounding community such as the Upendo Clinic, bakery, and shopping center. The project is expected to cost \$15,000 and the students are actively raising money to meet the cost.



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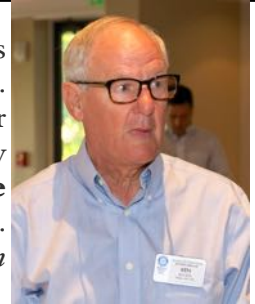
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LAST WEEK'S MEETING



Larry Miller

Last week a small cadre of gallant Rotary Regulars conducted the meeting. **Larry Miller** (rr) presided. **Ken Beel** (rr) recited the Invocation. Professor Emeritus **Bob Langhans** (rr) gave us a brief history lesson about the Pledge of Allegiance, and **Maurice Sullivan** (rr) read the Four-Way Test perfectly. **Gordon Costley** (rr) led the singing of *I've Been Working on the Railroad*.



Ken Beel



Bob Langhans

Wendy Aresenault rose to thank those who helped with Bark in the Park. The effort raised \$2,300 for PAWS. She also reported that son, Ben, raised \$80 more for the Wounded Warriors.

President **Sandy Hemstead** thanked the rr's for conducting the meeting and allowing her to eat breakfast with everyone else.

Upcoming events

March 14th, The 19th Annual Reverse Raffle

March 21st, CREW Concert

April 24th, Installation Banquet



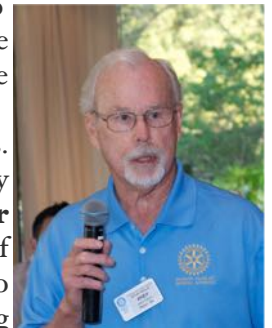
Gordon Costley



Maurice Sullivan

Sara McCallum is working with people who would like to receive a Paul Harris Fellow at the the Installation Banquet. The club will subsidize one half the cost.

Andy Frech (rr) was the Sergeant-at-Arms. Andy has been coming to the club since 1995. Andy said, "Under the unique management style of **Roger Brunswick** over the last few years the number of Rotary Regulars has dwindled from 30-40 down to about 5 of us. Roger will be fined \$5 for not fulfilling the requirements of keeping the quantity of Rotary Regulars up." [Of course, Roger missed the meeting



Andy Frech

and the fine. ed]

Andy then noted, "The incumbent Sergeant-at-Arms has been here longer than I have. He has the unique ability to cajole, frighten, and humiliate members every year to get them to sell Reverse Raffle tickets. It is a great event. Do the means justify the end? I'm fining George \$100 for abusive management style. However, since it's such a good cause we'll have the raffle credit the amount back to him."

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION RISES ON EXPERT LIST OF TOP NONPROFITS

The Rotary Foundation has continued its steady growth, **moving up 35 spots to 85th in The Chronicle of Philanthropy's** annual ranking of the top 400 nonprofit organizations in the United States. The ranking is based on monetary contributions from private sources and reflects the increasing generosity of those who support Rotary's mission.

According to The Chronicle of Philanthropy, The Rotary Foundation received \$239,576,000 in 2013, a 32.4 percent increase from the previous year.

"This clearly shows our members recognize the unparalleled value of giving to their Foundation," says John Hewko, Rotary's general secretary. "They know that by giving to the Foundation their dollars have a much greater impact. *And friends of Rotary respect that the Foundation puts their gift to great use.*"



The Foundation recently earned a 4 Star Rating from Charity Navigator, the largest and most prestigious independent evaluator of nonprofits in the United States. In the 2013-14 Rotary year, 92 percent of the Foundation's expenditures were applied to programs, with only 6 percent spent on fundraising and 2 percent on administrative expenses. **The Foundation funded \$23.5 million in district grants and \$47.3**

million in global grants. Together with its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, Rotary has led the effort to eradicate polio, contributing more than \$1.3 billion to the initiative since its outset.

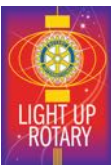
When an outbreak of polio threatened the Horn of Africa and the Middle East in 2013, **Rotary provided emergency funds**, including a \$500,000 rapid-response grant for Somalia and a \$500,000 grant to the World Health Organization (WHO) to cover operational costs in the Middle East. As a result, the outbreak in the Horn of Africa slowed, and Syria reported only one case of polio in the first half of 2014.

Rotary is also at the forefront of efforts to fight other diseases. According to WHO, indoor air pollution causes 4.3 million deaths per year worldwide. To combat it, members of the Rotary Club of Taos-Milagro, New Mexico, USA, mobilized Rotary clubs in several countries to support the Himalayan Stove Project, which has installed more than 3,000 clean-burning stoves in Nepal.

In Tamil Nadu, India, Rotary clubs partnered with clubs in Maryland, USA, to use a Foundation global grant to purchase a large van and outfit it with X-ray equipment **to screen women for breast cancer in hard-to-reach communities.** The "mammobus" has conducted more than 2,500 free breast cancer screenings and detected and treated early-stage cancer in six women.

Rotary members in Malindi, Kenya, teamed up with members in Maryland and Idaho, USA, to work with the Genesis World Mission **in creating a rainwater catchment system to provide clean drinking water, irrigate crops, and establish fish farms in Burangi, Kenya.**

Rotary News



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 website 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. **Scott Gerrish** issue editor.

The Winnah: Jay Berube drew the Joker to win \$2,921



The 50/50 Now
\$500

Rotary Sings:
When Irish eyes are smiling,
When Irish eyes are smiling,
Sure it's like a morn in Spring,
In the lilt of Irish laughter
You can hear the angles sing.

When Irish hearts are happy,
All the world seems bright and gay.
And when Irish eyes are smiling,
Sure, they steal your heart away.

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 Week:

Dr. Rosanne Vrugtman
Zane Grey

Birthdays

Jim Friedgen Mar 5
Roger Kemper (rr) Mar 7
Len Eckert Mar 9
Frank Ogden Mar 10
Scott Vail Mar 11

This Morning's Invocation

We confess, O God, that in coming to our weekly meetings we come with an awareness of important purposes, that of renewing our commitment to service, perpetuating Rotary's name and mission, and expanding our influence in the lives of others.

Help us to look beyond the tangible physical details of involvement in club projects to the ideals, principles, and standards which motivate the tangible things we do.

As Rotaract Week is observed across the Rotary world we offer prayer for the young adults and leaders, that their motto, "Fellowship Through Service," may be realized in significant ways,

Accept our thanks for food, for meeting space and all things physical which enable us to pursue our noble purposes. Amen.

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