



The Spoke



Suspicious Group Armed with Rakes Found at Wonder Gardens



Steve McIntosh, leader of the work party at the Wonder Gardens, in his pre-game pep talk said, “The City of Bonita Springs is going to be an Eco-Tourist attraction. It will be the center for Florida where people go when they want to understand the natural resources and how to protect them. Ten years from now our three rivers will be loaded with kayakers, boaters, and paddle boarders. Part of that growth is going to be the transformation of the Everglades Wonder Gardens.”

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Sandra Hemstead
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LAST WEEK MEETING

President **Tom Briers** presided, Week 1. **Chris Riesen** presented the invocation; **Steve Slachta** led the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Jim Dati** flawlessly led the Four Way Test.

Jim Dati and **Jon McLeod** led the singing of The National Anthem.

At the next meeting, July 8th, there will be an election for Trustees of the club's foundation. The nominating committee was **Bobbi Bird**, **Roger Brunswick**, and **Mark McCaw**.

As this election is being held, we should thank those who have been Trustees this year: **Nancy Ross**, **Jim Dati**, **Richard Garner**, **Ray Faubion**, **Ed Houck**, **John Mathes**, and **Guy Quinn**.

Special thanks to **Nancy Ross**. As Bobbi Bird said, "We need to thank Nancy for three years as president of the Board of Trustees. You do not get enough credit and thanks. The club works hard for its money. The Trustees are very diligent in making sure it is given out to deserving organizations."

Club Treasurer **Bob Lombardo** came forward to announce, "It's the first day of the new quarter and dues are due." Dues may be paid by bringing or sending a check to Bob, or sing a credit card on the club website. If you pay by check, you save the club the credit card processing fee.

Tom called **Sandy Hemstead** to the front. "I congratulate you on being an outstanding president, phenomenal job. You won about every award possible at the District Conference."

He said the traditional practice had been to give a present to the outgoing president. However, Sandy had asked him that the funds be made a contribution to a global grant she is working on. Tom did arrange for flowers

delivered by our own **Rex Sims**.

Did you notice that the new Area 3 Assistant Governor is Sandra Hemstead?



Mark McCaw had some complementary golf and lunch vouchers for Bentley Village that he offered as auction items. After considerable wheedling and cajoling, "do I hear \$25?", he managed to raise \$80 for the

foundation.

Roger Brunswick was acting Sergeant-at-arms. His first proclamation was, "When George comes back, we're gonna have to fine him. It's really an insult to our new president that George didn't show up." Roger introduced a visitor and extracted a \$2 fine for a telephone call during the Pledge of Allegiance.

Tom had shown a slideshow from his trip to the RI convention in Sao Paulo, Brazil, a city of 20 million that is the industrial and financial center of Brazil. His hotel was under the flight path for the airport for domestic flights so he had an unasked-for 5:30 am wake up call as the first flight of the day arrived. The convention center held 18,000 Rotarians. One small difficulty was there was only one bathroom.

Tom said, "What really turned me on being part of the International Convention was the people. 18,000 people enthusiastic about

Rotary, who wanted to talk about Rotary and what goes on at their club and country...I felt like I was a delegate to a United Nations without any politics. It was a great experience and I really appreciated the opportunity to be there.”

Tom’s Statement on Decorum

“Based on several survey comments and my personal observations, I want to reiterate, and expand, on comments made previously by President Sandy. It is my opinion that sometimes members do not show proper respect for our speakers. They give of their time to come and speak to us, and mostly receive nothing In return; therefore they deserve our utmost respect and attention, regardless of our individual interest in their topic. Specifically, I want to establish some ground rules that everyone understands and follows, each week. They are:

- No table talk during the presentation.** Not only is it disrespectful of the speaker, but also of other members who are distracted by the chatter, or unable to hear the speaker.
- No walking around the room** during the presentation to get coffee, food or pass whatever sign-up sheet that may be circulating that day. (A possible exception will be the “call of nature”.)
- No texting, or other distractions.**

of respect, please welcome them with a standing ovation when introduced, as well as after their presentation.

“If leaving early (scooting) please:

- Go to the speaker** before the meeting. Thank them for coming and let them know you appreciate them speaking to the Club. Explain that you have another commitment and, apologize for not being able to stay for their presentation.
 - Try to leave before they are introduced as the speaker.**
 - Give the Sergeant-at-Arms** a \$ or \$\$ for having to leave before the closing bell.
- All the above can be accomplished by rising during the “Joys and Concerns (Happy \$\$) and addressing the above comments to the speaker and rest of the Club.

“I am so proud to be a Rotarian, and to be an advocate for the Objects of Rotary. It is my hope that everyone who visits our club, whether speaker or visitor, senses the pride we share as we demonstrate that being a Rotarian is truly something special.”

Peter Zahner

It is with considerable sadness to have to report that Peter Zahner, a 17 year, perfect attendance Rotarian, and friend of all of us has left the club. Peter is moving to Portugal. He has sold his U.S. business and therefore can only reside in the country for 180 days a year. Peter was an important member of club and we will miss him.

“Special Guest Speakers (District Governor, or other Rotary Official). As a show

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		Secretary Jon McCleod
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Last Week: A thoughtful Mark McCaw got the 3♣ for \$5



The 50/50 is \$841

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
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Rotary Sings: Yankee Doodle Dandy

I'm a Yankee Doodle Dandy,
A Yankee Doodle, do or die.
A real live nephew of my Uncle Sam's,
Born on the Fourth of July.
I've got a Yankee Doodle sweetheart,
She's my Yankee Doodle joy.
Yankee Doodle came to London,
Just to ride the ponies,
I am a Yankee Doodle boy.

This Week

Jon Bates
Addiction to Fitness

Birthdays

Rick Barber July 2
Tom Burgess July 2
Anthony Scrocco July 2
Claudie Delgado-Feeny July 4

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.