



# The Spoke



## INTREPID EXPEDITIONS

*Safari Your Way*

Our speaker was **Simon Gluckman**, founder of Intrepid Expeditions, a company specializing in custom photographic safaris to Africa. The company's motto is ***Safari Your Way***.

Simon was born in South Africa and raised in the States. His passion for Africa developed as a child, spending summers with relatives touring South Africa's national parks and the famed Garden Route.

After college, he took a 6-month, overland trip through five Southern African countries, inspiring his career to help others experience this mystic continent.

In nearly 20 years of organizing custom safaris, he has made multiple visits to nearly every country in East and Southern Africa, as well as Egypt, Ethiopia and numerous Indian Ocean islands. **In 2009, he began offering safaris and opportunities to get more involved in wild life and conservation.**

Simon discussed some disturbing developments in the important national parks in East and South Africa. Elephant herds are smaller and hard to find, the black rhino population is barely large enough to sustain the species, and gorilla groups are being attacked.

There was an **increase in poaching** as the rhino horn trade exploded in 2007. Over 90% of the Black Rhino population has been killed since 1970, less than 2,300 left today. The

growing middle class in China and Vietnam is the main driving force behind the demand for rhino horn and ivory.

**Increasing demand** for tungsten, tin, gold, copper, tantalum used in **mobile phones and other electronic devices** has resulted in increased mining activity. This has brought about new roads, railroads and other human activity cutting across the historic migration paths of the animals.

Rhino, elephant and lion are a cause for serious concern as numbers are plummeting as people go after them mostly for money. But of **much greater concern is the bush meat trade.**

Often overlooked because of the glamour and media attention that large game species get, **thousands of smaller animals from giraffe and buffalo to antelope are getting carted away** on horseback, in canoes and sometimes in pick-up trucks for sale to villages across this continent. The effect on overall populations is getting catastrophic.

Simon believes:

- **Wildlife can be saved**
- **Land can be preserved**
- **Communities can be empowered**

He asks us to:

- **Spread the word**
- **Get involved**
- **Practice Responsible tourism**

## LAST WEEK MEETING

President **Tom Briers** presided, week 9. **Sara McCallum** presented the invocation; **George Cohan** led the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Vince Modarelli** stumbled through the Four Way Test. **Steve Krchniak** led the singing of *School Days*.



Membership.

Tom called **Buddy Cliff** to the front. Buddy is the active Rotarian nearest to a charter member. He joined just months after the club was chartered in 1978. Buddy was club president in 1985-86. He was presented with a well deserved Honorary

### Vince Modarelli



New member **Vince Modarelli** presented his member moment. Vince is an 11 year Rotarian, having been a member of the Noon Club and then spending a year in Greenville, SC. He moved back to the area in May, attended our meeting, felt very welcomed. "Thank you very much for wel-

coming me back to the area and back to Rotary. It means a lot to me to be a Rotarian."

Vince is an Advertising Sales Manager at the News-Press where his teams provide print and

digital marketing solutions that help businesses generate more quality leads, grow their market share, and increase brand awareness through a variety of advertising solutions and digital marketing services. Vince started in the newspaper business as a "paper boy" in Youngstown, OH. He has done many newspaper jobs from writing articles to covering the police beat. In 1996 he switched to the "dark side", selling advertising.

Vince and wife, Natalie, have two children ages 11 and 7. Natalie is a work-from-home corporate recruiter. He says, "I look forward to working along side this great crew in service."

**George Cohan** was Sergeant-at-arms. He introduced guests and recognized **Joe Murgalo's** birthday. Joe offered the meeting a choice, sing to him or put \$1 each in the Blue Buckets. The Blue Buckets won!



### Thanks Jason

Thanks to Jason Dolle for lining up varied and interesting speakers as Speaker Chair for August.

### McCaw and Olitsky Again!

Last week Sara McCallum recognized **Mark McCaw** and **Brian Olitsky** for their multiple PHF's. This week Tom gave them their pins.



**Upcoming Events**

**Saturday, September 12th.** Dictionary Day 9 - 11 am.

**Saturday, September 19th.** RLI, Weston, FL

**Thursday, September 24th.** Adam Botana is hosting a **Sunset Cruise club social** for members and a guest. Adam says, "We've got enough boats to fit everybody. Going to be a good time. Leave the dock about 6:30 and go out to New Pass for the sunset."

**Saturday, September 26th.** The Estero Rotary Club **annual golf fundraiser at Raptor Bay.** The club is looking for help from hole sponsors, teams, individual sign-ups. This will be a Callaway System tournament. Contact Henry Bird, 239-272-4712 or Gary Seacat, 239-410-4341.

**Wednesday, September 30th.** **Three club social** at Artichoke & Co.

**Rotaractors** at last week's meeting.

Front row, from left, Jacob Hyre, Karen Cortez, Natalie Ingham

Club President Tom Briers and Rotaract Chairman Tom Burgess in the rear.



**Fighting Diabetes**

**Today's Speaker**

Today's speaker is **Steve Pino**, President of The Florida Suncoast Chapter of the **Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF)**. The JDRF was formed in 1994 by grandparents Phyllis and Sol Steingard who have a granddaughter, Britni, with type 1 diabetes (T1D). **Type 1 diabetes (T1D)** is an autoimmune dis-

ease in which a person's pancreas stops producing insulin, a hormone that enables people to get energy from food. The families shared a common goal to find a cure for diabetes and its complications, as well as a common need for education, support services, and enhanced medical care for diabetics in the community.



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<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Bob Lombardo</b>
<b>Sergeant-at-Arms</b>	<b>George M. Cohan III</b>

### Last Week: Carrie Reynolds drew the J ♦ for \$5



The 50/50 is \$1,269

### Rotary Sings: *Battle Hymn of the Republic*

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;  
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;  
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword:  
His truth is marching on.

I have seen Him in the watch-fires of a hundred circling camps,  
They have builded Him an altar in the evening dews and damps;  
I can read His righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps:  
His day is marching on.

*Glory, glory, hallelujah  
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His truth is marching on.*

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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 Week*  
**Steve Pino**  
**Juvenile Diabetes**

### *Birthdays*

**Tom Briers Sep 3**  
**Mark Generales Sep 3**

### **This Morning's Invocation**

Gracious God, from whose storehouse of abundant blessings we have generously received and by Whose Love we are embraced, we offer the gratitude of our hearts and the labor of our hands.

In the spirit of Labor Day's observance, we are thankful for the ability and opportunity to be workers, helping to make constructive differences in society. In our physical and mental laboring, help us to maintain the high vocational standards as expected of us as Rotarians.

Bless all aspects of our meeting today. As we enjoy food and fellowship, we remember those less fortunate and all who seek to minister sympathetically them. Amen.

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