



## THIS WEEK'S SPEAKER District Governor Cyndi Dorah

A LETTER FROM OUR  
DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Dear Friends,

I have to begin with "Thank you," for I am extremely delighted and privileged to be your Governor this year.

Serving District 6960 is a dream come true and I cannot convey just how humbled I am by this great honor. I would like to give a special thanks to my wonderful husband Pete for his amazing year.

Be a gift to the world! Rotary International President K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran could not have chosen a better theme. These simple words affirm what Rotary is all about and encourages us to continue our good work. They remind us that we each bring our gifts to share: our time, energy, talent, enthusiasm, knowledge, passion, wisdom, humor, strength, empathy...

What gift do you bring to Rotary? How can you make a difference?

Open your Eyes – See the difference.

Open your Heart – Feel the difference.

Open your Mind – Imagine the difference.

One person can make a difference – share your gift with the World!

I am confident we will maintain the excellent foundation established this past year by Past District Governor Pete and others before him. But our success depends on each of us. Integrity, passion and commitment is what it takes, and together we will exceed our expectations.

Our time is now! It may never come again... join me, join our quest and be a gift to the world.



## LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President **Tom Briers** presided. **Ray Faubion** delivered the invocation; Sergeant-at-Arms **George M. Cohan III** led the Pledge of Allegiance; and Tom Burgess the Four Way Test. **Jim Dati** led us in a lovely rendition of "Sweet Caroline" that surely would have brought **Neil Diamond** to tears.

**Bob Lombardo** gave us a progress report on our City's Rotary Clock. The funding for the \$30,000 clock has been split between our club, the Noon Club, the City and a district grant. Our club will contribute \$5,000.

"It's going to be a beautiful two-faced clock with the Rotary dial," said Bob. "It's going to be great recognition for us." The location of the 17-foot-tall clock has yet to be determined by the City.

Bob has asked the City to give us three options in prominent locations. **Rex Sims** suggested one option.

"Rather than have the statue of **Mayor Nelson** in the roundabout... that was originally planned, I think it ought to go there," said Rex.

**"If you haven't paid your dues, pay your dues."**

George interjected, "I think it ought to go on top of Heaven Shakes and say it's time for ice cream."

- **Bob Lombardo**

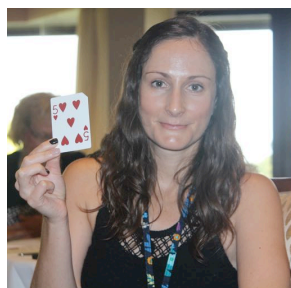
**Jay Berube's** exchange student has arrived from Spain. "If you're planning on doing anything that's exciting or cool or a teenager might be interested in and you'd want to take her for a couple days, let us know," said Jay. A jubilant George Cohan asked if she likes dogs. "I've got something for her to do," exclaimed George.

We sang happy birthday to an enthralled **Kayla Clark** who celebrated her first birthday. A happy birthday shout out was requested, and provided, to **Morgan Eldridge**.

**Marjorie Rubacky** introduced our guest speaker **Christine Ross**, Executive Director of the Bonita Springs Estero Economic Development Council. Christine, a former member of our club, is also the President and CEO of the Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce. She discussed several success stories including the growth of D3 Glass in Fort Myers and the attraction of the Comuto Group to the Bonita Bay Executive Center. She also reported that the Chamber is back to full staff with 960 members.

### The 50/50

A delighted Mary Saunders drew the five of hearts to win \$5. The pot is now \$1,031.50.



### This Morning's Invocation

O God, whose summer schedule never includes vacation from your sovereign surveillance over the world, and your merciful vigilance over us in daily life, we are comforted by that knowledge.

We are challenged in response to not abandon our own attention to the responsibilities of which we are stewards.

Knowing that moral and ethical principles are not seasonal, we pray for strength to implement them in daily life and work.

Help us to review our loyalties and to re-commit ourselves to those we know should have high priority.

Grant your blessing to us as we have gratefully partaken of the gift of food and share fully in table fellowship. Then go with us as we go out to meet the opportunities for service awaiting us in places unknown at the moment. Amen.

### Rotary Sings Norwegian Wood

I once had a girl, or should I say, she once had me...  
She showed me her room,  
isn't it good, Norwegian wood?

She asked me to stay and she told me to sit anywhere,  
So I looked around and I noticed there wasn't a chair.

I sat on a rug, biding my time, drinking her wine  
We talked until two and then she said, "It's time for bed"

She told me she worked in the morning  
and started to laugh.  
I told her I didn't and crawled off to sleep in the bath

And when I awoke, I was alone, this bird had flown  
So I lit a fire, isn't it good, Norwegian wood.