

**Don Thomson**, Speakers Assembly of SWFL VP and chairman of the membership committee introduced our speakers, **Charles Hopkins** and **Arden McCurdy**. They played a very professional "About Us" video starring **John Spear**.

The Speakers Assembly was established in 1996 as a non-profit, non-partisan organization, it is based on the concept of the ancient Greek forums. Thus its purpose is to assist in the development of an informed participatory citizenry.

Community leaders and retired executives who are willing to use their professional connections to recruit distinguished speakers are asked to serve on a voluntary board of directors.

Believing in the power of education, six local students are invited to participate in a private forum with each distinguished speaker. This



student guest program is sponsored through local businesses.

The charter membership goal of 200 was reached before the opening luncheon. Dave Thomas, founder & CEO of Wendy's International, Inc drew an overflow crowd and set the benchmark for an ongoing series of distinguished speakers.

The Speakers Assembly of Southwest Florida welcomes members who seek:

- Informed direction about our world
- A forum for straightforward Q&A.
- A stimulating social setting for networking

The Southwest Florida Speakers Assembly events are held at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort & Spa and Quail West Country Club, which includes a gourmet lunch and program, followed by a question and answer session.

## SOUTH FLORIDA SPEAKERS ASSEMBLY 2015-2016 Schedule

November 13, 2015, Ron Plesco, Principal and National Lead, Cyber Investigations, Intelligence & Analytics, KPMG

January 15, 2016, Senator Bob Graham, Former Senator and Governor of Florida

January 29, 2016, Charles Plosser, Recently retired President of the Philadelphia Federal Reserve

February 8, 2016, Twentieth Anniversary Celebration Entertainment by The Capitol Steps

February 19, 2016, Sam Kennedy, Chief Operating Officer of the Boston Red Sox and President of Fenway Sports Group

March 4, 2016, Brent Bozell, President of The Media Research Center

April 8, 2016, Speaker To Be Announced

## LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President **Tom Briers** presided, week 15. **Ray Faubion** presented the invocation; **George Cohan** led the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Chris Riesen** recited the Four Way Test flawlessly. **Ron Anderson** led singing of *This Land is Your Land*.

On a happy note, Tom reported that he had found his "lost" pen right where he left it, on his desk at work.



We welcomed **Jim Renfro** on his return from his Swedish Summer. Jim came with a plethora of club flags picked up in his travels and stories of the number of refugees arriving in his

area of Sweden. (He did tell us it was 31° when he left.)

**Roger Brunswick** rose to thank all the volunteers who had made "Dictionary Day"

a success. He passed around some Thank You's from the kids. **Kanema Clark** said that a parent of a dictionary receiver recognized her at the store and came to thank Kanema for her part in bringing the dictionaries to the kids.

**Wendy Arsenault** alerted us to the coming **Poinsettia Sale** season. She passed out order forms and reported that the superior Poinsettia's will be \$18/ea for up to 20 plants. Discounts are available for larger quantities. Delivery day will be November 27th.

Tom reported that Past President **Dick Fredrickson** was spending most of his time at home as care giver for his wife Kathy. Dick says his homemaking skills are improving including putting meals on the table. He says, that around his neighborhood he is known as "Reheat Richard".

Sergeant-at-arms George Cohan orchestrated singing celebrations for Birthday Boys **Juan Teodoro** and **Scott Anderson**.

## Donna Marcotte wants some CANDY!

Please bring candy to the October meetings for  
**Halloween in the Park.**



## Political Insults

You may not have noticed, it's Presidential Primary Season in Iowa, New Hampshire, and CNN. There have been a fair number of insults handed out, but none that have the time-tested quality of these:

Mark Twain on Congress: **"Reader, suppose you were an idiot; and suppose you were a member of Congress; but I repeat myself."**

Bob Dole on Jimmy Carter, Gerald Ford and Richard Nixon: **"History buffs probably noted the reunion at a Washington party a few weeks ago of three ex-presidents: Carter, Ford, and Nixon -- See No Evil, Hear No Evil, and Evil."**

Lyndon Johnson on Gerald Ford: **"He's a nice guy, but he played too much football with his helmet off."**

Pat Schroeder on why George H. W. Bush was unlikely to choose a woman as a running mate in 1988: **"People would say, 'We need a man on the ticket.'"**

Gerald Ford on Ronald Reagan: **"Ronald Reagan doesn't dye his hair, he's just prematurely orange."**

Dorothy Parker on hearing that President Calvin Coolidge had died: **"How can they tell?"**

Abraham Lincoln on Stephen Douglas: **"His argument is as thin as the homeopathic soup that was made by boiling the shadow of a pigeon that had been starved to death."**

Texas Governor Ann Richards on George H. W. Bush: **"Poor George, he can't help it. He was born with a silver foot in his mouth."**

Adlai Stevenson on Richard Nixon: **"The kind of politician who would cut down a redwood tree and then mount the stump to make a speech for conservation."**

Pat Buchanan on Bill Clinton: **"Bill Clinton's foreign policy experience is pretty much confined to having had breakfast once at the International House of Pancakes."**

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Saturday, October 17th, 6 pm. Gift of Life Concert** at St. John the Evangelist. [www.keysfortheheart.org](http://www.keysfortheheart.org) or Sonny Grech 239-450-5184.

**Saturday, October 24th, 2-9 pm Riverfest, Riverside Park.** We're selling beer. See **Donna Flammang.**

### TODAY'S PROGRAM

Don Solin,

Author of *Smartest* Investing books

Kiplinger's listed *The Smartest Investment Book You'll Ever Read* on its top ten list of the best financial books ever written; two of the *Smartest* series have achieved best-seller status on The New York Times Review of Books. He also writes financial blogs for The Huffington Post and USNews.com.



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**Last Week: A Toothful Brian  
Olitsky drew the 7♠**



**The 50/50 is \$1,579**

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  
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**Rotary Sings:  
*Shine on Harvest Moon***

Oh, Shine on, shine on, harvest moon  
Up in the sky;  
I ain't had no lovin'  
Since April, January, June or July.  
's no time, ain't no time to stay  
Outdoors and spoon;  
So shine on, shine on, harvest moon,  
For me and my gal.

*This Week*

**Dan Solin,**  
NYT best selling author

***Birthdays***

**No Member Birthdays**

**This Morning's Invocation**

O Lord of the universe, as this month hastens by we become conscious not only of passing time but the seasonal transitions built into the world of nature.

We pray that as we deal with the various transitions we encounter in life, we will be given needed faith, endurance, patience and strength, enabling us to make positive experiences out of the changes which will come.

As Rotarians committed to serving others, help us to be sympathetic facilitators of change in those who struggle with unwanted changes.

Help us to be good stewards of our abilities, our resources, and our time for our own sake and for others.

Bless now to our physical use the food prepared for us, and to our need for sociability, the fellowship of this group. Amen.