

Wikipedia says: “Prohibition in the United States was a nationwide constitutional ban on the sale, production, importation, and transportation of alcoholic beverages that remained in place from 1920 to 1933.

“It was promoted by the ‘dry’ crusaders, a movement led by rural Protestants and social Progressives in the Democratic and Republican parties, and was coordinated by the Anti-Saloon League, and the Woman’s Christian Temperance Union. Prohibition was mandated under the 18th Amendment to the Constitution.

“Nationwide, Prohibition ended with the ratification of the 21st Amendment which repealed the 18th Amendment, on December 5, 1933.”

For most of us, our understanding of Prohibition comes from our parent’s tales, TV, and movies.

**The Untouchables** was an American TV crime drama that ran from 1959 to 1963 based on the book by Eliot Ness and Oscar Fraly. It fictionalized Ness' experiences as a Prohibition Agent, fighting crime in Chicago in the 1930s with the help of a special team of agents nicknamed the Untouchables. The book was later made into a film in 1987.

The series originally focused on the efforts of a real-life squad of Prohibition agents employed by the U.S. Department of the Treasury and led by Eliot Ness, that helped bring down the bootleg empire of "Scarface" Al Capone, as described in Ness's bestselling 1957 memoir.

Our speaker, **Deidre Capone**, author of “Uncle Al Capone” told us of the difficulties of growing up as a Capone family member. Her father, Al Capone’s brother, had registered her in school using his middle name. However, the secret came out in the newspapers when she was in second grade. After that she was shunned in her catholic school, without friends or invitations.

She told of keeping her family lineage from her own children until they began to study about the period in History classes. After she sat them down to hear the story, she was relieved when they all said “Cool” after she had revealed her family background.

Deidre told us of the kindnesses the brothers did for people who were down and out during the Great Depression and the fond memories she has of visiting Al’s Florida mansion with a salt water swimming pool.



## LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President **Tom Briers** presided. Week 21. **Gerry Myers** presented the invocation; Tom Briers led the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Carrie Reynolds** read the Four Way Test.

Tom reported on the "World's Greatest Meal" held at the Westin in Cape Coral. It was announced that, at the annual district conference last spring, was raised the most amount of any district in Rotary. On Monday, **the record was broken by collecting \$40,900**. When combined with the Gates Family match, \$122,700 was raised for fighting Polio.

**Tom Burgess**, chairman of the Rotaract Committee, said that we have a lot of new members in the club. We could use some additional manpower on the Rotaract Committee as we have lost a couple of committee members. There will be a committee meeting after next week's Rotary meeting so please plan to attend.

**Scott Anderson** rose to thank those sponsors committed to the Christmas Tree Sale. So far, they are Smile Design; Agnoli,

Barber, and Brundage; The Spotlight; Naples Daily News; and John Spear. Call Scott if you are interested in sponsoring.

Scott needs a work crews to set up the tent Saturday, Nov 21 and for deliveries Tuesday, Nov 24th, Friday, Nov 27th, and Friday, Dec 4th.

**Wendy Arsenault** says poinsettia orders are much better. There will still be a couple of hundred plants to sell at the tent. Wendy will take for delivery orders until next week.

George Cohan introduced Gary Price's guest, **Pete Shattuck**, the Director of the Bonita Springs YMCA. Pete comes to Bonita after many years of experience in Y's around the country.

**Jay Berube** mentioned the three area Exchange students from Italy, Japan, and Spain. The exchange parents are looking for Eva and the others to have the chance to attend "special" events to give them different experiences with different families or Rotarians. Please contact Jay if you are interested.



**Ron Anderson** brought special lyrics for "That's Amore" to honor our speaker **Deidre Capone**. He had a group of previous chorus members, Italian wanna-be's, and Deidre up front for the singing.

## VOCATIONAL MOMENT



Our Vocational Moment was presented by **Roger Brunswick**. In lieu of using the teleprompter, Roger had 10 pages of computer print-out covering his long history of service.

Roger hails from Ohio, and is normally self-identified as a Buckeye fan, although he did not attend The OSU.

Roger has 45 years of sales, marketing, and business ownership experience. He was

a manufacturer's representative covering the 13 Western states. He owned the largest Sharp office equipment dealership in the U.S. which he sold in 1992 before moving to Bonita Springs. Here, he bought a large residential air conditioning company which he sold in 2005. Since then, he has been a real estate agent at John R. Woods.

Roger says, "I have worked diligently to make SWFL the best place to live, work, and play in Florida. It is for this reason that I remain actively involved with the community to improve the lifestyle experiences for our residents, working today to provide a bright future for the community that I proudly call home."

**Wednesday, December 9th, 6 pm.  
Club Christmas Party, at The Colony  
Bay Club. \$65/person.**

**TODAY'S PROGRAM**  
Heather Mazurkewicz  
Vice President BJM Consulting

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**Last Wk: A toothful Jay  
Berube drew 2♦ to win \$5**



**The 50/50 is \$2,048**

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**Rotary Sings:  
Over the River and Through the Woods**

Over the river and thru the woods,  
To grandfather's house we go;  
The horse knows the way  
To carry the sleigh,  
Thru the white and drifted snow,  
oh! Over the river and thru the woods,  
Oh, how the wind does blow!  
It stings the toes,  
And bites the nose,  
As over the ground we go.

*This Week*

Heather Mazurkiewicz  
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*Birthdays*

**Richard Garner Nov 20**  
**Susan Hill Nov 20**  
**Dave Langendorfer Nov 24**

**This Morning's Invocation**

I thank you for these gifts, dear God,  
Upon Thanksgiving Day  
For love and laughter and the faith  
That makes me kneel to pray.  
For life that lends me happiness,  
And sleep that gives me rest,  
These are the gifts that keep my heart  
Serene within my breast.  
Love, laughter; faith and life and sleep,  
We own them, every one -  
They carry us along the road  
That leads from sun to sun.

Margaret E. Sangster