

## “MY MISSION is to help people..” Nancy Ross

“My involvement with Rotary which includes your past president, foundation leader, area governor, ROTARIAN of the year and head of Josh the Otter, gives me an opportunity with the backing of a wonderful organization to reach out and help people. **Northwestern Mutual** and Rotary have much in common.

“NM is top quality highly rated co. which cares about me and its policy owners. For the past 32 years using NM and other highly respected insurance co. **I have been able to help people plan, build and protect their assets while providing security for themselves and their families.**

“I’ve seen what can happen if you don’t because it happened to me almost 33 years ago when my husband died at 38 of a sudden heart attack leaving me as a widow to provide for and educate 3 sons 11, 8 and 5. What a difference it would have made if he had enough life insurance.

“MY MISSION is to help people and I care about the client, the relationship and doing the right thing. This may set me apart from those who care more about the

transaction then understanding the concerns, goals, and situation of their client and translating those into a plan.

“I was asked about a situation that crystallizes what I do so I’ll tell you about Barry. He is a psychiatrist in Chicago who I met as a resident. Some years ago, he contracted a very serious form of Lymes disease. I was one of the first people his wife called. And I was able to tell her that she and the kids would be okay financially. Barry cared enough about his family to do the planning and had 1.5

million of life insurance and disability insurance. Barry almost died and was disabled for a year. The disability policy gave him income till he could go back and rebuild his practice. I saw Barry and his wife recently and we are taking the next step and looking at long term care insurance.

“I have been lucky to have helped people with character plan provide security for those they love and to keep and build those relationships over time.

Both through Rotary and my insurance career, I like to think I have made a positive difference.”



## LAST MEETING

President **Tom Briers** presided. Week 36. **Mark Generales** presented the invocation; **George Cohan** led the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Brian Olitsky** almost recited the Four Way Test flawlessly.



Special guest conductor, **Frank Keck**, led the singing of *Smile*, a song made famous when he was District Governor in Illinois.

**Mary Saunders** proudly revealed that her husband was the golf champion of Bonita Bay.

**Dave Langendorfer** reported his home club, Maumee, Ohio, had held an auction attended by 400 people raising \$147k. \$45 of the money will go to the Dove Fund that builds schools and water projects in Vietnam.

**Bob Lombardo** came forward as the point man for the upcoming Nautical Flea Market. We have partnered with the **Friends of Lover's Key** and will split revenue and expense 50/50. The FOLKs are planning to build an education center at the park. As Bob says, "100% of the profits from this event will go to good causes." Bob needs a lot of people to sign up for helping. There will be no heavy lifting but plenty of need for parking lot direc-

tors. **Roger Brunswick** asked the Rotary Regulars to help out with this event.

Last June **Ismail Hernandez** of the Freedom and Virtue Institute was our speaker. The Institute is dedicated to the promotion of the ideals of individual liberty, built on the conviction that human freedom, inspired by the virtues of self-reliance, character, and faith, is the most effective means of offering hope and human dignity to those in need. **Don Thomson** reports the Institute is having a golf tournament fund raiser April 1, at the Old Corkscrew Golf Club. Sign up on the Institute's web site. He says the Institute is teaching self reliance to 100 kids in Bonita Springs.

**Bob Reynolds**, PDG of a Michigan/Canada District, showed up in shorts, ready for a fashion show. He donated \$20 after some harassment from George.

George organized birthday celebrations for "Roger from Purdue", **Roger Kemper** (rr) and for "Swedish Jim" **Renfro**.

Tom thanked **Adam Botana** for the sponsoring the Friday Night Social at the Vester Marine Station; small turnout, but a good visit. The next social will be a Sunset



Cruise late in April.

Our future District Governors, **Bobbi** and **Sandy**, were pinning our collection of club flags on a new banner. We've got enough flags left over to fill another banner.



**Gary Price** said, "Reports of my demise have been widely exaggerated. Thanks for the cards and calls."

**Stephanie Kissinger** introduced the Staff/Students of the Month. **Shelby**

**Boehm**, a first year English teacher, Teacher of the Month; **Brittany Flores**, front desk secretary, Staff member of the month; and junior **Lucas Denzin**, Academic Student of the Month.

**Jim Renfro** reports that our Swedish trumpeter, **Tom Driving**, is responding well to his cancer treatments.

### Notes from the Club Assembly

**Dave Shellenbarger** said that the Nautical Flea Market was started to raise money for an Education Center at Lover's Key. He suggested that the Foundation has established reserves for a major project and supporting the Education Center might be a naming rights opportunity.

President Tom praised **Marjorie Rubacky** for continuing to offer interesting programs. Several members supported having controversial speakers. Marjorie noted that the membership represented a broad spectrum of professions and industries so that an outside-the-box presentation had a high risk of offending someone.

**Jim Renfro** noted that there were some homeless veterans in Bonita Springs and suggested this might be an opportunity for the Foundation.

President Tom thanked the members for the improvement in the "demeanor in the room" during speakers presentations.



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# Toothful DMD Brian Olitsky drew the 5 ♦



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## Rotary Sings: So Happy Together

Imagine me and you, I do  
I think about you day and night, it's only right  
To think about the girl you love and hold her tight  
So happy together

If I should call you up, invest a dime  
And you say you belong to me and ease my mind  
Imagine how the world could be, so very fine  
So happy together

I can't see me lovin' nobody but you  
For all my life  
When you're with me, baby the skies'll be blue  
For all my life

*This Week*  
**Bill Mallory**  
Former Big 10 Football  
Coach

### *Birthdays*

**Len Eckert Mar 9**  
**Frank Ogden Mar 10**

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

We confess, O God, that in coming to our weekly meetings we come with an awareness of important purposes, that of renewing our commitment to service, perpetuating Rotary's name and mission, and expanding our influence in the lives of others.

Help us to look beyond the tangible physical details of involvement in club projects to the ideals, principles, and standards which motivate the tangible things we do.

As Rotaract Week is observed across the Rotary world we offer prayer for the young adults and leaders, that their motto, "Fellowship Through Service," may be realized in significant ways,

Accept our thanks for food, for meeting space and all things physical which enable us to pursue our noble purposes. Amen.