

## John Paeno and Calusa Ghost Tours



President-for-the-day Joe Yard introduced our speaker **John Paeno**, an owner and operator of CGT Kayaks, Inc. John has an artist cabin at Riverside Park when he displays Calusa artifacts and replica artifacts. CGT Kayaks

started 9 years ago as Calusa Ghost Tours, —a tour company specializing in paddling trips through historic parks and archaeological sites. The services have grown to include kayak and standup paddleboard rentals, guided tours, instruction, and sales. CGT is the only authorized kayak tour vendor on the Imperial River.

Prior to the European arrival, the Calusa controlled much of South Florida from Cape Canaveral to Charlotte Harbor to Key West. The Calusa were descended from people who lived in the area for at least 1,000 years prior to European contact and possibly much longer.

The arrival of the Spanish was the begin-

ning of the end for the Calusa. In 1566, the appointment of Spain's first Governor of Florida happened on the Mound Key, the Calusa capital. This was closely followed by the establishment there of a fort and settlement, in an effort to colonize the area.

A Jesuit mission was also founded there at the same time by Juan Rogel, a priest of that order. Called San Antonio de Carlos, it was the first such mission in the Spanish New World. There was frequent conflict with the Calusa, though, and eventually the island was abandoned by the Spanish in 1569.

The Spanish brought with them diseases to which the Calusa had no immunity. These diseases and warfare with the Spanish eventually ended the Calusa civilization around 1750.



## LAST MEETING



The meeting started with a touch of class. The Bonita Bay staff rolled a grand piano into the meeting room and **Gordon Costley**(rr) from Louisville, KY entertained with a medley of songs before the meeting. **Joe Yard**(rr) from Maple Grove, MN, announced he was

“President for a day” and asked for the “Sunshine Report”.

This was week 40 of Last Week’s President **Tom Briers’** reign. **Diane Ewing**(rr) from Grasonville, MD presented the invocation; **Bob Langhans**(rr) from Ithaca, NY led the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Dan Maher**(rr) of Columbus, OH read the Four Way Test purposefully. Gordon Costley(rr) introduced his neighbor to lead the singing of *You Are My Sunshine* with piano accompaniment.

**Mark Generales** introduced visiting members of the Friends of Lovers Key and announced that the Nautical Flea Market had made a profit of about \$17,000 to be split between the club and FOLK. There were 60 vendors and 5 boat dealers at the event.

It appears that this was the start of a potentially successful fund raiser for the groups. Mark specifically thanked **Len Eckert** for creation of the logo and **Bob Lombardo** for his tireless efforts.

**Tom Horvatic**, president of the

FOLK, said, “What a tremendous partnership we began with the Nautical Flea Market. It’s been a joy and great honor to be involved with you here. Thank you so much for your partnership.”

**Dale Timple** reminded us of Celebrate Bonita will be Saturday, April 9th, 2 pm to 9 pm at Riverside Park. There will be plenty of entertainment. The proceeds are the principal fund raiser of the Bonita Springs Assistance Office.

Saturday, April 16th, **District Assembly**. Port Charlotte, 7:30 am to 12:30 pm.

Friday, April 22nd, **Three Club Social**. Artichoke & Co, 5:30-8 pm. \$20/pp.

Saturday, April 23rd, **Walk for Water**. 8:00 am to 10:00 am. Susan Schmitt says we have a good group of volunteers but now we need some more sponsors.

Saturday, April 23rd, **Installation Banquet**, Bonita Bay Club 6:00 pm. \$70/pp. Contact **Stephanie** at [skissing714@gmail.com](mailto:skissing714@gmail.com) or 239-220-8600. Pay on-line or check. If you pay on-line, check Other payments and put “Installation Banquet” in the description.

Saturday, April 30th, **Reverse Raffle**, St John the Evangelist Church 6:00 pm. Be sure to attend **George’s Last Stand**. Dinner, drinks, dancing, music, and a chance at **\$15,000**.

**Dave Langerdorfer**(rr) from Holland, OH was Sergeant-at-arms for the day. He issued the obligatory fine to **George Co-han** for sitting during breakfast.

Dave said, “I’ve made a lot of good friends here. Sometimes it feels more like home than home...Thank you so much for everyone that makes us Rotary Regulars feel at home.

# *The Rotary Regulars*



Joe Yard



Gordon Costley



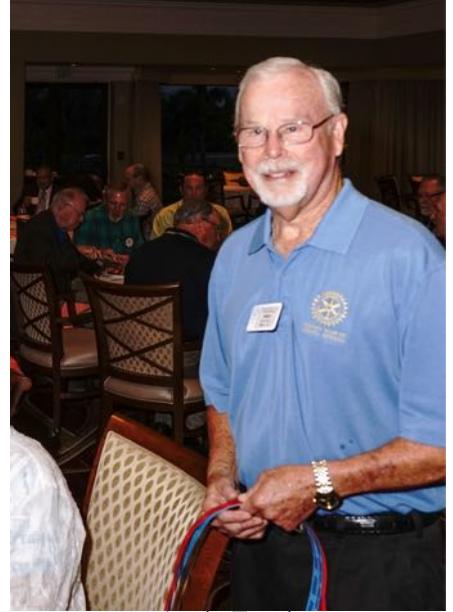
Jim Winemiller with Carl Nickel

# The Rotary Regulars 2



Jim Dow

Roger Kemper



Andy Frech



Bob Langhans

# The Rotary Regulars 3



Dan Maher



Diane Ewing



Dave Langerdorfer

Vocational Service Moment



**Maurice Sullivan**(rr) from Evanston, IL came forward to present her Vocational Service Moment. She was born in Iowa City, but was raised in Evanston. She graduated from her home town

university, Northwestern, and earned a graduate degree in linguistics from University of Wisconsin.

After graduation, Maurice worked at Scott, Foresman Publishing Company where she wrote and edited textbooks for the school market. As she says, “See Dick run...”. She later was an editor and consultant for National Textbook Company traveling around the country explaining the company’s materials.

Maurice joined the Willamette, Il Rotary Club 12 years ago. She was appointed to the Literary Committee and is chairman of the club’s Big Book Drive. This year, they collected and distributed 17,600 books to charter schools in Chicago. “This is a wonderful community activity that got people interested in joining Rotary as well as helping out. The book drive is my main responsibility and I get wonderful pleasure from doing this.”

Vocational Service Moment



“Good Morning Fellow Rotarians” intoned **Chris Riesen** as he began his Vocational Service Moment. He has been married to Libby for 34 years. He joined the club in June 2011.

After Chris retired from his 33 year career of selling building materials, he and Libby moved here to be closer to both aging parents.

Chris had visited Custom Closets & More as a customer. He asked the Office Manager if she knew anyone who was hiring. Custom Closets was looking for an outside sales person, “Can you sell?” The company offers design solutions for storage and organization aids for almost every part of the home and garage; closes, pantries, entertainment centers, offices. Chris joined the company in August 2010.

Today, after making 1,800 sales appointments he is the top salesperson nation wide of 177 people.

With no local friends or contacts, “I wanted to surround myself with great people. Rotary was at the top of my list. I look forward to every Wednesday’s meeting and opportunity to be with fellow Rotarians throughout the year. I have made a lot of friends in this club..some are my best friends. I wear my Rotary pin every day and am proud to be recognized as a Rotarian in the community.”



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# Gloria Collingsworth

drew the 10♣ to win \$5



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## Rotary Sings:

### Take Me Out to the Ballgame

Take me out to the ball game,  
Take me out to the fair --  
Buy me some peanuts and Cracker Jacks,  
I don't care if I never get back!  
We will root -- root -- root for the home team  
If they don't win it's a shame;  
For it's one! two! three strikes you're out!  
At the old ball game.  
Take me out to the ballgame.  
First, let's stop at the bank.  
I'll need a mortgage so I can pay.  
Parking the car is another outlay.  
And you can pay big bucks for a hotdog.  
The cost of beer is insane.  
First it's Oh my! Prices high  
at the old ballgame.

### *This Week*

**Brock Gutierrez**

### *Birthdays*

**John Spear Apr 12**

**Kae Moore Apr 12**

**Mary Saunders Apr 12**

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

Almighty God, we thank you for life and all its components, both good and adverse, because through both we are strengthened.

We ask for wisdom and strength not our own in order to make our citizenship and our professional endeavors worthy examples of life lived with integrity and compassion.

We intercede for members of this and other clubs who are experiencing adversity of any kind. Sustain them by your grace and power. May they be uplifted and encouraged by the support of their colleagues and friends.

We offer thanks for the food and purposeful fellowship received here. We are grateful for the happy privilege of just being here. Amen