



The Spoke

April 13, 2016



Are You Ready for Some Football?



Mike Poff introduced Brock Gutierrez, former NFL offensive lineman. Brock played 10 years in the NFL with Cincinnati, San Francisco, and Detroit. He played in 114 games, starting 23 in 10 seasons.

Now retired from football he is a Sales Consultant with Baker-Pullman Manufacturing, a leader in the engineering, design and fabrication of rotary drum dryers, modular steel bins and hoppers, structural steel, feed & seed mill systems, and custom metalwork. In addition, he is

the color man for football broadcasts from his alma mater Central Michigan University where he is a member of the college's Hall of Fame.

Brock showed up with some facial hair. He says he grows a beard each winter and shaves it off in Spring. He is part way to clean shaven now.

He says he scrapped and fought to get into the NFL. Lots of guys are gigantic, can run, and are very strong. "I'm none of these. My skill set was I'm pretty smart, didn't make mistakes, fairly tough, with average strength and speed."

Brock was 6' 3", 225 lbs when he started college football. At that time, his ambition was to get college paid and to play

some football. “I love the game..started playing in the 5th grade.” He bulked up to 310 lbs and became a three year starter.



In 1996 he made the 53-man squad with the Bengals and played in 5 games. The next year he was cut, went home for 8 weeks, was recalled and 3 weeks later cut again. The fourth year he made the team and never missed a game for seven years.

He played through serious injuries, broken vertebra, fractured ankle, broken fingers, and more. After he retired, he had chances to go with other teams but by age 32 he had enough. “It was a great run, lot of fun.”

Even though he has qualified for an “NFL Line of Duty” disability he says, “I don’t feel sorry for myself. I have a son and want him to play football if he chooses. I’d do it again 1,000 times. The things I learned and the life philosophies I acquired far outweigh the physical problems.”

Brock says he played through the injuries so he wouldn’t get “Pipped”. That refers to Yankee first baseman Wally Pipp who asked for a day off and was replaced by Lou Gehrig who played the next 2,000 plus games for the Yanks. “I was so terrified somebody would take my job, I just never wanted to miss anything.”

“When you’re young, you’d do anything, would have played for free just to be out there and have a helmet on. By the 9th or 10th year would not have done anything for free because by then you get terrified at putting the equipment on, start worrying about getting hurt which you never think about when you are young and bulletproof.”

Last Week Program

This Week’s President **Tom Briers** presided. Week 41.

Wayne Hemstead presented the invocation; **George Cohan**

led the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Mark McCaw** guided us through the Four Way Test flawlessly. **Ron Anderson** led the singing of *Take Me Out to the Ball Game*.



Tom engineered a banner exchange with **Ken McConaughey** of Bolingbrook, IL.

Bob Lombardo announced that the Rotary Clock is finished, is ready to be shipped, and installed in “beautiful, downtown, Bonita Springs.”



Mark Generales presented his Vocational Service three minutes in just under five. Mark descended from Greek immigrants who came to this country in 1910. They originally settled in Lowell, MA. However, Mark was brought up in La Jolla, CA. Mark lived in CA in the 1950's and '60's, New England in the 1970's, back to CA for the 1980's. After stints in Toronto and Beaufort, SC, he finally sailed his boat, Rubicon, from Beaufort, SC to Fort Myers in May 2008.



Mark is a Registered Representative with Securities America Inc., and the Senior Vice President of Investments for Southern Trust Financial Planning in Bonita Springs. Originally from California, Mark's investment career began with EF Hutton in his native home of La Jolla in 1978. 4 years later Mark entered management at Hutton and since that time has held regional and national positions of increasing responsibility. Mark has managed mutual fund, separate account, insurance and annuity and ERISA departments. He was the national Director of

Marketing for the largest broker in Canada. During his career he has worked for Wall Street firms and their merged successors from EF Hutton/Shearson Lehman to Kemper, from SEI to Oppenheimer Capital to AXA-Equitable. Mark has had the privilege to help create, train, market and distribute many of the key products and programs widely used in the financial services industry today.

Today Mark seeks to concentrate his experience and knowledge for the benefit of his clients. With such a diverse background, Mark believes it important to review all client situations with a fresh, all-encompassing perspective. Client goals coupled with an agreed upon view of the economy and markets

situations, portfolio construction is designed to seek safety, income, access and growth.

While busy with his career, Mark was also an elected County Councilman in Beaufort, SC for 8 years and chaired his A Finance Committee that entire time. Mark and his wife Debbie have three daughters, Olivia, Alexandra and Christina. Mark and Debbie are waiting for the birth of their first grandchild.

Upcoming Events

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. Kick off for Walk for Water. \$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 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, daAncing, music, and a chance at \$15,000.

George organized a collective Happy Birthday for **John Spear, Kae Moore, and Mary Saunders**. He claimed, "In 33 years of Rotary,, that's the best I've ever heard this club sing."

This Week Program
Steve Agius
District Wheelchair Program Chair

Birthday Party for Eva



Jay and Jessica Berube hosted a birthday party for our Exchange Student Eva. Shown are her fellow exchange students in the back row from Italy, Iceland, Spain (Eva), and Czechoslovakia.

Lucky Bob Lombardo

drew the 2♥ to win \$5



The 50/50 is \$829

Rotary Sings:

The Yellow Rose of Texas

There's a yellow rose in Texas,
That I am going to see,
Nobody else could miss her,
Not half as much as me.
She cried so when I left her
It like to broke my heart,
And if I ever find her,
We nevermore will part.

She's the sweetest little rosebud
That Texas ever knew,
Her eyes are bright as diamonds,
They sparkle like the dew;
You may talk about your Clementine,
And sing of Rosalee,
But the YELLOW ROSE OF TEXAS
Is the only girl for me.

Birthdays

Brian Olitsky Apr 15

This Morning's Invocation

O God, as individuals and as a Club help us to engage in worthy endeavors, not for personal satisfaction but for the benefit of others. Empower us to be men and women, not only of professional ability, but of such integrity that our words and works will be winsome and effective examples for others.

As we tend to the organizational details of our Club and projects, help us to always keep on mind the larger and higher purposes of our chartered existence.

We ask for Your blessing upon the food awaiting us that that we may be physically strengthened for continued service. May all we do and say be productive and to Your ultimate glory.

Amen.