



The Spoke

August 24, 2016

Rotary



President Steven Slachta presided. Mark McCaw offered the invocation; Roger Brunswick led the Pledge of Allegiance; and Steve McIntosh recited the Four Way Test flawlessly.



Song Leader Wayne Hemstead led the singing of Kokomo.

Clara Anne Graham announced the League of Women Voters have a Voter's Guide for the upcoming elections at www.lwvlee.org.

Gary Price reported that Frank Liles is doing well after successful open heart surgery.

Roger Brunswick is recruiting volunteers for the annual Dictionary Labelling Saturday, September 10th, 9 AM at the School District Headquarters in Fort Myers. The program will take less than 2 hours.



Sandy Hemstead presented the Rotary Minute telling us about Rotary's Global Rewards Program. This member benefits program gives Rotary and Rotaract club members access to discounts on a variety of products and services selected with their interests in mind.

There are discounts on vehicle rentals, hotels, dining, and entertainment. Products and services from

companies around the world are being added every week.

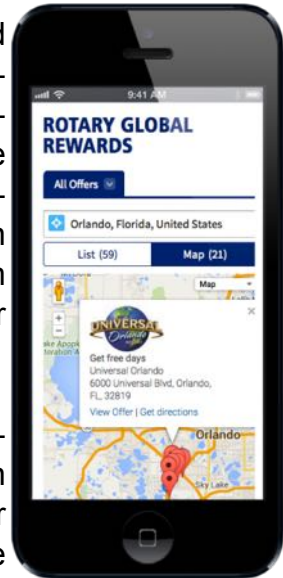
In addition to discounts, some benefits are in the form of donations by vendors to Rotary International.

One example is the AmazonSmile program which donates 1/2% of eligible purchases to your designated charity.

Anyone can view the offers and discounts on Rotary Global Rewards. But only Rotary and Rotaract club members who are signed in to their My Rotary accounts can redeem them. You can access and redeem rewards from your computer, smartphone, or tablet.

Rotary and Rotaract club members can now offer discounts on products and services from their own businesses. You can choose to make your offer available to people in your community, your region, or around the world.

Sandy challenged the dentists and realtors to make an offer available. She says, “spend less, give more using Global Rewards”.



Roger Brunswick interrupted his breakfast to act as Sergeant-at-Arms. Roger managed to introduce guests, including Jordan Olitsky. Brian Olitsky's daughter is in the 6th grade and proudly exhibits some of the handiwork of her father's profession.



ShelterBox



Sandy Hemstead introduced our speaker Laura Kerckhoff. Laura is a member of the Rotary Club of Naples and is ShelterBox Ambassador in SWFL.

She was named Ambassador of the Month for May 2016 by Shelter Box USA.

ShelterBox was founded in 2000 in the town of Helston, Cornwall, UK. That same year the Rotary club of Helston-Lizard adopted ShelterBox as its millennium project.

It has since become one of the world's leading humanitarian aid charities providing emergency shelter and supplies to over 107,000 families worldwide fol-

lowing disasters.

The first consignment of 143 boxes was sent to earthquake victims of the 2001 Gujarat earthquake. Over the next three years the project matured and by the end of 2004 nearly 2,600 boxes had been dispatched, following 16 major disasters.

ShelterBox significantly expanded its work in response to the 2004 Indian Ocean earthquake and tsunami.

After the 2011 Tōhoku earthquake and tsunami in Japan, ShelterBox provided assistance to about 1,600 families in the disaster region.

ShelterBox has tracking systems to monitor weather systems around the globe and anticipate the likely scale of hurricanes and cyclones. In addition, an earthquake alert system gives immediate notice of any seismic activity that could result in a humanitarian disaster.

ShelterBox works with international aid agencies and Rotary clubs worldwide who also relay information when they become aware of an urgent need for shelter.

It aims to get the first shipment of boxes dispatched to a disaster area within 2–3 days where a ShelterBox Response Team (SRT) meets it. It tries to get to the disaster as quickly as possible and aims to be one of the first organizations on the ground.

Rotary International signed a temporary agreement with ShelterBox in March 2012 which increases their joint capacity to help families around the world displaced by disaster. The agreement formalizes the

twelve-year bond between the two organizations and cements the place of Rotarians around the world at the heart of ShelterBox activities.



It is the first time that any organization has become an officially recognized 'Project Partner' of Rotary International. The project partnership between Rotary and ShelterBox offers opportunities to collaborate in providing emergency shelter and vital supplies to stabilize, protect, and support communities affected by disasters and humanitarian crises.

In a disaster area, local Rotarians often take up the challenge of assessing needs and finding the means to deliver the Shelter Boxes.

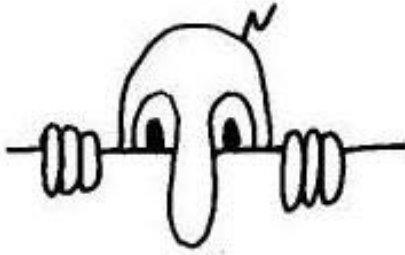
ShelterBox contents are tailored to the needs of the disaster victims. In some cases, the identifying logos are left off to reduce possible adverse reactions.



The cost of a ShelterBox delivered is about \$1,000. Much of this is for shipping, often by aircraft.

Each ShelterBox is tailored to a disaster but typically contains a disaster relief tent for a family, thermal blankets and groundsheets, water storage and purification equipment, solar lamps, cooking utensils, a basic tool kit, mosquito nets and a children's activity pack.

Every item is durable, practical and brand new. The box itself is lightweight and waterproof and has been used for a variety of purposes in the past - from water and food storage containers to a cot for a newborn baby. A standard, packed box weighs 120 lbs. and has dimensions of 33" x 24" x 22". They are sealed and banded for transit and security.



50/50 About \$1,900

7 Cards, One Ace, Joker

This Week Program

Giancarlo Tasso

A Rotary Exchange Student Returns

**Frontman Carl Nickel
drew the 7♥ for \$5**



The 50/50 is \$1,900±

Birthdays

Joe Murgalo Aug 27

Rotary Sings:

Don't Worry, Be Happy (Rotary Version)

's a little song I wrote
You might want to sing it note for note
Don't worry, be happy
Rule of 85 is too far away
Bob Lombardo says that you must pay
Don't worry, be happy
Don't worry, be happy now
Ooh-oo-hoo-hoo-oo-hoo hoo-hoo-oo-hoo-oo-hoo-oo-hoo

Don't worry
Woo-oo-hoo-woo-oo-hoo-woo-oo-hoo-oo-hoo
Be happy
George says you must pay a fine
If you don't have a pin you can borrow mine
Don't worry, be happy
So if you think your life's a pain
You still live in paradise so don't complain
Don't worry (Ha-ha ha-ha ha-ha)
Be happy (Look at me, I'm happy)

This Morning's Invocation

O God, we come humbly into your presence by this avenue of prayer, expressing both our gratitude for gifts received, and our yearnings to be used as gifts to others.

To that end, grant us visions of service yet unrendered, an awareness of goals yet unattained and hopes yet unrealized.

Give us zeal and power to bring to reality the good and worthy things waiting to be done, and confirm our efforts by your assistance without which we labor in vain.

Strengthen us now by food prepared and enjoyed. Enlighten us through productive conversations, and go with us as we return to waiting opportunities to make the day better for others. Amen.

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