



# The Spoke

August 31, 2016

Rotary



Last Week...Week 8

President Steven Slachta presided. Brian Olitsky (“... Brush and Floss. Amen”) offered the invocation; George Cohan led the Pledge of Allegiance; and Carl Schwing recited the Four Way Test without notes. Wayne Hemstead led the singing of “Don’t Worry..” with special words tailored for our club.

Bill Banfield announced he has been designated a CFP after one year of intense study. Bill will be going to Detroit on Sept 11th with the Wounded Warrior Softball team to participate in the celebration of the team’s 15th anniversary at a brand new stadium.

Jumping Roger Brunswick finally gained Steven’s recognition to tell us that he had garnered our first Poinsettia order for the year.

George Cohan reported that Frank Liles is home after successful bypass and valve replacement surgery.

Sandy Hemstead told us that the wheelchairs we have been fund raising for, a full container of 110 wheelchairs, will be going to Nassau, Bahamas on September 10th. Sandy will be leaving on the 9th and returning on the 11th. Anyone wanting to go along please contact Sandy.

Steven told us about a Casino Night to be held on October 22nd at the American House Bonita Springs. There will be about 150 people attending and he needs poker dealers, hamburg cooks, and others to help out.

Steven asked past and present city managers, Gary Price and Carl Schwing to rise. “We have a lot of wonderful people who do wonderful things. We should be very proud of these two individuals have made the City of Bonita Springs what it is today. Thank You.”

George Cohan orchestrated a “roaring shout out” for a belated celebration of John Warfield’s birthday. Then he drafted Jim Dati to lead a very nice, harmonious Happy Birthday song to “Dear Angela and Joe” Murgalo. It seems Joe has a twin.



George said, “It’s nice to see all you Rotarians and guests in the Dog Days of Summer. You got up to share and help mankind which is what Rotary does. We, Rotary, make this a better planet. Thank you for coming.”



Steven introduced our speaker Giancarlo Tasso (GT). He has recently moved to Bonita Bay after spending 10 years in Brazil as an ex-pat executive with responsibilities for companies South American operations.

GT came to the U.S. first in 1975 as a Rotary Youth Exchange kid from Brazil, a guest of a Columbus, Ohio club. He has wonderful memories of his year, including a bus trip of over 7,000 miles. "I think we visited more states than most U.S. citizens have seen." While here he became the kicker on his high school's football team.

GT wanted to stay in the U.S. but was not allowed to. So he went back to Brazil, finished high school and one year of college, before returning to study Electrical Engineering at The Ohio State University.

GT's father joined Rotary after GT and his brother experienced the RYE program. His father's club flag is displayed on our hanging banner of flags.

GT is a U.S. citizen, married with two grown sons who are both working for Amazon in Seattle.

He said, "The exchange student program changed my life and the life of my family both here and in Brazil. I continue to wish success for the club which is doing a lot of good for a lot of people."

Holly Kobie, District Rotary Youth Exchange chair introduced RYE student Fanny Collet from Aubenas in the south of France.



Fanny is staying with Jane Goble and Kelsey Scoggins and is attending Gateway High School. So far, she has made trips to Sea World and Lake Wales to meet with fellow RYE's.



Holly noted that there are 79 RYE's in Florida this year. Applications for Outbound RYE's will be accepted from September 1st to November 1st. This is a wonderful scholarship opportunity and is available to all 16-18 year olds including Rotarian family members.

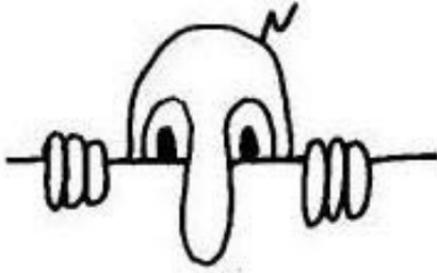
## Two New Rotarians



Last Wednesday, President Steven inducted Heber Paulin (left) and Omer Dror (right).

Heber's classification is Bank Branch Manager. He is Branch Manager of BMO Harris on Bonita Beach Rd and was proposed by Claudie Delgado-Feeney.

Omer Dror's classification is Real Estate Development. He was proposed by Roger Brunswick. Omer is involved in plans to complete the Bonita Village development.



50/50 \$2,002

6 Cards, One Ace, Joker

*This Week Program*

**Ladd Waldo**  
**District Governor**

**Birthday "boy" Joe Murgalo  
with advisor drew the 7♣ for \$5**



**The 50/50 is \$2,002**

***Birthdays***

**Mark Generales Sep 3  
Tom Briers Sep 3**

# Rotary Sings:

## Taking Care of Business

You get up every morning from your alarm clock's warning  
Take the 8:15 into the city  
There's a whistle up above and people pushin', people shovin'  
And the girls, who try to look pretty  
And if your train's on time, you can get to work by nine  
And start your slaving job to get your pay  
If you ever get annoyed, look at me, I'm self-employed  
I love to work at nothing all day

And I'll be takin' care of business every day  
Takin' care of business every way  
I've been takin' care of business, it's all mine  
Takin' care of business and working overtime, work out

If it were easy as fishin', you could be a musician  
If you could make sounds loud or mellow  
Get a second-hand guitar, chances are you'll go far  
If you get in with the right bunch of fellows

And I'll be takin' care of business every day  
Takin' care of business every way  
I've been takin' care of business, it's all mine  
Takin' care of business and working overtime, work out

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

Gracious God, from whose storehouse of abundant blessings we have generously received and by Whose Love we are embraced, we offer the gratitude of our hearts and the labor of our hands.

In the spirit of Labor Day's observance, we are thankful for the ability and opportunity to be workers, helping to make constructive differences in society. In our physical and mental laboring, help us to maintain the high vocational standards as expected of us as Rotarians.

Bless all aspects of our meeting today. As we enjoy food and fellowship, we remember those less fortunate and all who seek to minister sympathetically them. Amen.

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