



## Last Week..9

President Steven Slachta clanged the meeting to order. Adam Botana forgot his reading glasses so he made up an invocation; District Governor Ladd Waldo led the Pledge of Allegiance; and Claudie Delgado-Feeney recited the Four Way Test flawlessly.



In honor of the upcoming Labor Day, Wayne Hemstead accompanied by guitarist Jon McLeod led the signing of *Taking Care of Business*.

Bob Lombardo reminded us of the Monday, October 3rd golf and dinner for the benefit of local veterans. This will be a nine hole, afternoon of golf at Raptor Bay and a 5:30pm dinner at Cirella's with wine included.

President Steven announced that Stephanie Kissinger has been elected to the Recycle Florida Today Board of Directors. During her two-year term, Kissinger will assist the organization in advancing its mission to improve the recycling industry through professional development, advocacy and educational outreach. In addition to serving on the Recycle Florida Today Board of Directors, Kissinger is a member of the Florida Chapter of National Waste & Recycling Association, Florida Association of Counties, Florida League of Cities, Secretary of the Rotary Club of Bonita Springs Foundation, and is President-Elect of the Enterprise Charlotte Economic Council.

Another club member honored was Jim Dati, a business and real estate transactional lawyer with Bond, Schoeneck & King PLLC. Jim has been appointed to the board of directors for the Children's Advocacy Center of Collier County. He is president of the Foundation of the Rotary Club of Bonita Springs, Inc., and a past president of the Rotary Club of Bonita Springs and past chair of the Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce. He is a graduate of Leadership Collier and Leadership Bonita.

Sandy Hemstead announced that the container of wheelchairs donated by the three local clubs will be distributed in Nassau, Bahamas on September 10th. Sandy and Wayne are flying over to take part in the ceremonies. Anyone wishing to go along please contact Sandy.

### **Rotary Moment**

The subject Sandy Hemstead's Rotary Moment was Rotary Fellowships. These are independent groups of Rotarians, family members, program participants and alumni who share a common passion. Being part of a fellowship is a fun way to make friends from around the world.

Fellowship activities vary widely. Members come together around hobbies or interests such as cricket or jazz, or vocations such as writing or medicine. Some groups are purely social while others use their fellowship for service projects. You can contact a fellowship directly by using the information listed in the Rotary Fellowships directory. Or search our discussion groups to find Rotary and Rotaract members with similar interests.

Chances are if you have a strong interest in something, there are others in the Rotary family who share it. There is a long listing of fellowships from A to Y: **A**mateur Radio to **W**hiskey, **W**ine, and **Y**achting.

Don Thomson reminded us of the annual YMCA Golf Tournament Friday, September 9th. Please contact Don or Gary Price for details.



Steven announced that our long time, mostly beloved Sergeant-at-Arms, George M. Cohan III has decided to abdicate after 33 years on the job. He wants to sit and relax and enjoy the room with the rest of us. George was saluted with a standing ovation in recognition of his outstanding tour of duty.



Tom Burgess reported that this year's "tabling" (recruiting) at FGCU had gathered in 50 new Rotaractors.

Newly appointed Sergeant-at-Arms Roger Brunswick introduced the plethora of guests including Rotaractors, District Officials, and Club Presidents.

Birthday Boys Mark Generales and Tom Briers had secret-



ly agreed to have the Club Choir serenade their birthdays. Finally, seven singers were pushed and pulled to the front and they delivered a very credible rendition of Happy Birthday with 3 part harmony.

Sally Smith Area 3 Assistant Governor introduced District Governor Ladd Waldo. Ladd's first task was to present a PHF +2 award to Wayne Hemstead. Ladd said, " In the 100 years of the Foundation, well over \$1 billion has been raised. It is because of people like Wayne that the Foundation is so healthy and strong. This allows Rotarians to support programs they like all over the world."



Wayne then explained that he had used his "points" earned from his PHF contributions to give an honorary Paul Harris Fellowship to Evelyn Philistine, FGCU Rotaract President. Wayne honored Evelyn "for all her work at FGCU and around the world. She spent her summer in volunteering in Ghana doing social work and has accumulated more than 900 hours of volunteer effort."

**Sally Smith** then presented DG **Ladd Waldo's** bio.

“Ladd began his Rotary journey in early 2000 when he was hired as Chief Financial Officer of Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation. From the beginning he discovered the world of service opportunity available to all Rotarians. Even with a wide variety of cultural differences and business experiences among its 1.2 million members, Rotary gets so much done and has such a great influence in the World. We are blessed with a rich history of Service everywhere by so many.



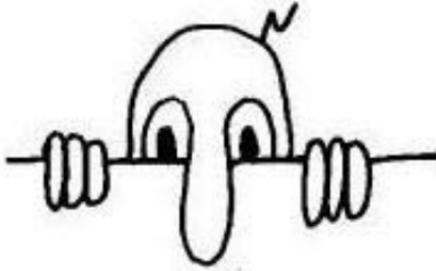
“Experience on the international stage convinced Ladd that the health and wealth of Rotary is found at the Club level. He has served as Secretary for his Club in Illinois and Florida. He recently served as Club President for Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch and as Assistant Governor for Area 10, District 6960. His Rotary

service also includes past Board member and Treasurer of Shelter Box USA and District Grants Chair for District 6960. He is a sustaining donor, a multi level Paul Harris Fellow and he and his wife Sally are members of the Bequest Society of TRF.

“Vocational service over these past 40 years as a CPA and MBA represents a commitment to not-for-profits where Ladd has been the Chief Financial Officer of hospitals, a liberal arts college, a hospice and Rotary International. Since moving to Florida in late 2006, he has served Easter Seals Southwest Florida first as CFO and for five years as Chief Executive Officer until retiring in late 2014.



“Ladd is husband to fellow Rotarian Sally and they have four children and seven grandchildren. In his spare time he enjoys grandchildren, gardening and golfing.”



50/50 \$2,148

5 Cards, One Ace, Joker

*This Week Program*

**Tara Tallaksen**  
**Autism Navigator**  
**Golisano Pediatric Specialty Clinic Naples**

**New Member Heber Paulin drew  
the 10 ❤️ for \$5**



**The 50/50 is \$2,148**

***Birthdays***

**None in Database**

# **Rotary Sings:**

## **September Song**

Oh, it's a long, long while  
From May to December  
But the days grow short,  
When you reach September.  
When the autumn weather  
Turn leaves to flame  
One hasn't got time  
For the waiting game.  
Oh the days dwindle down  
To a precious few . . .  
September, November . . .  
And these few precious days  
I'll spend with you.  
These precious days  
I'll spend with you.

## **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.

## **Rotary International President**

John F. Germ  
Rotary Club of Chattanooga, TN

## **District 6960 Governor**

Ladd Waldo  
The Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch

## **Area 3 Assistant Governor**

Sally Smith  
The Rotary Club of Estero

## **2016-2017 Club Officers**

President	Steven Slachta
President-Elect	Jon McLeod
Secretary	Claudie Delgado-Feeney
Treasurer	Bob Lombardo
Sergeant-at-Arms	Roger Brunswick

## **Members of the Board**

Tom Briers, Steven Slachta, Jon McLeod, Claudie Delgado-Feeney

### **2014-2017**

Frank Mazzeo, Peter O'Flinn,  
Susan Schmitt

### **2015-2018**

Adam Botana, Joe Murgalo,  
Jon Shaw

### **2016-2019**

Bob Lombardo, Kae Moore,  
Gary Price

## **Trustees of The Foundation of The Rotary Club of Bonita Springs**

Jim Dati, President; Stephanie Kissinger, Secretary; Richard Garner, Treasurer; Jason Dolle, Sandy Hemstead, Ed Houck, Mark McCaw  
Trustees



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