



# The Spoke

September 14, 2016

Rotary



Last Week ..10



President Steven Slachta dinged the meeting to order. Scott Gerrish read the invocation; Roger Brunswick led the Pledge of Allegiance; and Tom Burgess read the Four Way Test with only one flub. Song leader Wayne Hemstead led singing of September Song.

Gary Price reported that Frank Liles is a home after his open heart surgery. His heart is much stronger but he has lost some weight and is still hurting from the operation.

Bob Lombardo announced the annual benefit Golf and Dinner for veterans will be nine holes of golf at Raptor Bay followed by dinner at Cirella's on Monday, October 3rd. Steven reported the event raised \$15,000 last year. Contact Bob to sign up.

Brian Olitsky stepped forward to announce a 5k run on Saturday, November 19th at 8:30 am before the Taste of Bonita. He says we will have help from the Estero Cross Country team and the DDD running club.

Tom Burgess says there will be a Rotaract Commit-

tee meeting Wednesday, September 14th after the regular meeting.

## Rotary Minute

Steve McIntosh came forward to present the Rotary Minute about the Interact Club at Estero High School.



Next January will mark the 20th anniversary of the club. It was started in 1997 with 5 members. Now it is the most active club on campus with 80 members with an average of 65 members at the bi-weekly meetings.

Each meeting starts with the Four Way Test and has an emphasis on Service Above Self. The club performs over 700 community service hours per year. The first project this year was a coastal cleanup.

Teacher Jane Klinker is the faculty sponsor of the club. She attends all meetings and project events and is greatly responsible for the success of the club.

Steve thanked the club for all the support of public education in the community. Our scholarships have helped sponsor the education of over 200 local kids who will be the community leaders of the future.

He says the club has provided a model of leadership for the Interactors. "It is exactly what Rotarians are intended to do, quietly, constantly, unswervingly making things better."

Sergeant-at-Arms Roger Brunswick introduced guests, threatened some late arriving Rotarians, and recognized Past President John Spear. There were no birthdays to celebrate, however,

Gary Price confessed that he and Trish will be celebrating their 13th dating anniversary soon with a planned trip to the Bubble Room on Captiva.

Mark McCaw reported there were 13 golfers at Tiburon. The last events for the year will be October 1 at Miromar and October 15 at Pelican Nest. Please contact Mark if you would like to participate.

## Autism Spectrum Disorder

Marjorie Rubacky introduced our speaker Tara Talaksen the autism navigator at Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida's Pediatric Specialty Clinic in Naples.



Tara told us that Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is a developmental disability that affects social interaction, verbal and nonverbal communication, and involves restricted interests and repetitive behaviors.

ASD bridges all racial, ethnic and socioeconomic groups, affecting 1 in 68 children in the United States, and is almost five times more common in boys. ASD is usually diagnosed between 18 months and 4 years of age.

A diagnosis of ASD can leave many parents and families with questions, concerns and anxieties about treatment, therapy and supportive resources. Thanks to the Naples Children & Education Foundation, founders of the Naples Winter Wine Festival, families in Collier County have someone to help navigate this difficult diagnosis.

Tara says, “I am here to help families in any way I can after an ASD diagnosis. It can be anything and everything from helping with insurance to connecting families with resources and empowering parents to be advocates for their child.”

Since joining Golisano Childrens Hospital, Tara has spent a significant amount of time compiling resources for families. “For parents, there is so much to consider. So, we have gathered resources that parents may not have even thought about everything from therapy services to summer camps, dentists, gymnastics and even where to get a haircut.”

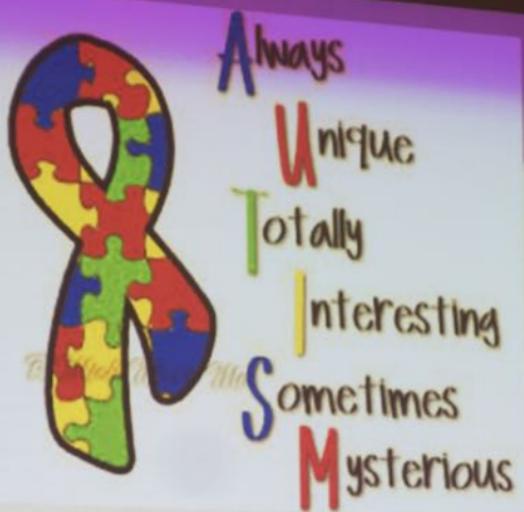
Tara also connects parents and families through support groups, which provide trainings, teach coping strategies and allow families to network. Right there are three support group meetings one at the Naples YMCA, one at House of Gaia and one at Highlands Elementary School.

The meetings are two hours long, which provide time for trainings offered by the Center for Autism and Related Disability (CARD) and the Florida Diagnostic & Learning Resource System (FDLRS), and guest speakers, as well as time for supportive networking.

She says, “We also try to make the meetings as attractive as possible and remove any barriers for families, so we offer free childcare and snacks.”

In her role, Tara also follows up every two weeks after a diagnosis to make sure that families are complying with the physician s protocols and advice.

A child does not need to be a patient of a Golisano Children s Hospital of Southwest Florida physician to make an appointment or receive support from Tara. For more information or to schedule a meeting, call 239-254-4270.



Autism is a developmental Disorder that appears in the first 3 years of life. It affects the brain's normal development of Social and Communication Skills.

By: Tara Tallaksen, Autism Navigator Golisano Children's Hospital

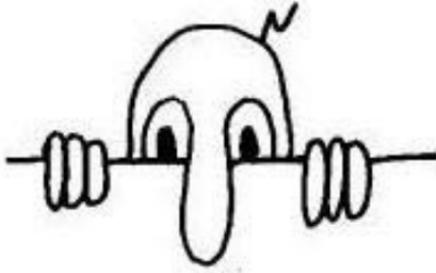
## Rotarians at Work



Sandy and Wayne Hemstead met with the President of the East Nassau, Bahamas Rotary Club before distributing wheelchairs.



More than 20 club Rotarians and kids helping at the Dictionary Labeling Saturday.



50/50 \$2,300±

4 Cards, One Ace, Joker

***This Week Program***

*M.E.Parker*

*Exploring Florida with a camera*

**Smile Designing Brian Olitsky  
drew the K ♥ for \$5**



**The 50/50 is \$2,300±**

***Birthdays***

**None in Database**

# **Rotary Sings:**

## **I've got the World on a String**

I've got the world on a string, sittin' on a rainbow  
Got the string around my finger  
What a world, what a life, I'm in love!

I've got a song that I sing  
I can make the rain go, anytime I move my finger  
Lucky me, can't you see, I'm in love

Life is a beautiful thing, as long as I hold the string  
I'd be a silly so and so, if I should ever let go

I've got the world on a string, sittin' on a rainbow  
Got the string around my finger  
What a world, what a life, I'm in love

## **This Morning's Invocation**

Good and Gracious God, we are privileged to be involved in service, but in our reaching out, keep us from inflated egos and undue self-congratulations, realizing that only by empowerment from Your Will can we serve others.

So give us wisdom, guidance, strength and the will to be engaged in fruitful service. We intercede for all who are in need this day, locally and globally. We also pray for all who serve those with needs, both within and outside of the Rotary family.

Accept our thanks for food to strengthen us, for fellowship to enrich us, and for Your promised grace to sustain us. Amen.

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