



The Spoke

September 21, 2016

Rotary



Tom Burgess introduced Rotaracter Paul Olivera. Paul's sister, Rebeca Olivera, graduated from FGCU in 2015.

Rebeca died Saturday, Sept. 5, 2015 in Monterrey, Mexico. She was born in 1992, in Campeche, Mexico where she was raised.



Rebeca Olivera

She enrolled at FGCU in 2010 as an international student on the Latin American and the Caribbean Scholarship and graduated in May 2015 with a bachelor's in environmental engineering.

She was pursuing a master's degree in Monterrey when she died when a fire in her home caused by a gas leak.

Rebeca was not an ordinary FGCU student. She was highly involved and left a significant impact on the university. Among her abundant involvement, she was a resident assistant, orientation leader, employee in the Multicultural and Development Office, teaching assistant in the U.A. Whitaker College of Engineering, member of the Rotary Club and a member of the Lead Team. She was also a founding member of Phi Mu and a part of the Order of Omega in her senior year.

Her brother Paul, now an FGCU senior, is working to establish a scholarship fund in Rebeca's name. Sept. 5 marked the first year since Rebeca's death.

The idea for the scholarship came from a friend in the Office of International Services. Paul agreed with the idea, knowing that Rebeca would love it.

Paul Olivera, the family's youngest, is a junior computer information systems major. "Many years ago, she started acting like a mother to me, and whenever she introduced me to her friends, she said, 'This is my son,'" Paul Olivera said.

He said Rebeca dreamed of changing Mexico someday. "She always complained about water pollution," Paul Olivera said. "Her dream was to come back home and try to fix it."

A GoFundMe page has been created in honor of former Eagle Rebeca Olivera by brother Paul Olivera to establish an endowed memorial scholarship at FGCU.

Paul's email is pos3095@gmail.com. Contributions can be made at:

gofundme.com/rebecascholarship

Troubadour and Next President Jon McLeod clanged the meeting to order. Bobbi Bird presented the invocation; Roger Brunswick led the Pledge of Allegiance; and the Steeler Fans tag team of Len Eckert and Vince Modarelli delivered a well coordinated Four Way Test for "...all Steeler Fans".

Song Leader Wayne Hemstead led us through the singing of Frank Sinatra's "I've Got the World on a String". Wayne sang well but didn't get much support.

Bob Lombardo pitched the 4th Annual Cirella's Golf and Dinner Event "Help for American Warriors". This will be a 9 hole scramble at Raptor Bay followed by sumptuous dinner with wine and awards ceremony at Cirella's. Monday, October 3rd. Golf and dinner for \$135, dinner only for \$65. Please contact Bob if you are interested.

Jon recognized Roger Brunswick with "I can hear ya, where are you?" "I'm standing here." Roger reported a successful Dictionary Labeling Day. On Friday, October 7th we will be distributing dictionaries to third graders at 4 local schools.

Mark McCaw announced the last two Saturday Golf events will be October 1st at Miramar and October 15th at Pelican Nest. Please contact Mark if your are interested.

It was announced that Past President Stephanie Kissinger's mother had passed away. A memorial service will be held Friday, September 23, 3pm at Shikany's.

Former member Peter Zahner, now living in the Algarve region of Portugal, reports, “On Sept 6th, I will be inducted into the Rotary Club Estoi Palace International. It’s an English speaking club. I will keep you posted regarding the activities of the club.”

Tom Burgess rose to introduce the Rotaract officers who were present.

Sergeant-at-Arms Roger Brunswick took the mike and challenged Jon McLeod with, “Any more short jokes and I’m gonna fine you!”

Roger introduced guests and welcomed Frank Liles who is recovering from open heart surgery.

He then threatened the “Late Table” who were helping Bobbi Bird get ready for the 50/50 drawing. “Working is fine, but late is fined”.



SWFL's Light and Magic

Marjorie Rubacky introduced our speaker, M.E. Parker. She is an architectural and outdoor photographer with a wide ranging background in photography who presented "Southwest Florida's Light & Magic."



M.E. has lived in "many wild and beautiful places" including an Aleut fishing village in Alaska. There she built her own log cabin with logs she cut. She had two dog teams as her only means of transportation. She is grateful to Rotary because Rotary Scholarships made it possible for her to complete her college education.

Marjorie testified that M.E. is a “computer guru” and web site designer. Photography is her passion. She continues her fusion of art and nature by exploring Florida with a camera.



(M. E. Parker's web page photo)

M. E. says that Florida is one the most colorful and naturally unique environments on Earth. “I find treasures beyond measure, good light, willing birds, dramatic skies, and the solitude of wild places.”

She described on of her favorite spots, off the beaten track, Fisheating Creek in Glades County. This is the last natural tributary of Lake Okeechobee. “It is one of the last beautiful natural places with public access.” She showed us the bald cypress, butterflies and gators there.

Another favorite is the Big Cypress Preserve in Collier County. This area of 729,000 acres was acquired by the National Parks System in 1974 to preserve the water flow to Everglades National Park. Edison, Ford, and Firestone began using the area as a camping destination as early as 1914. Ford offered to buy the land and donate it to the state in 1922, but was turned

down because “it would cost too much to maintain.”

M.E. described the Preserve as a “magical place especially in summer with the sunset over the swamp after wonderful day of storms.”

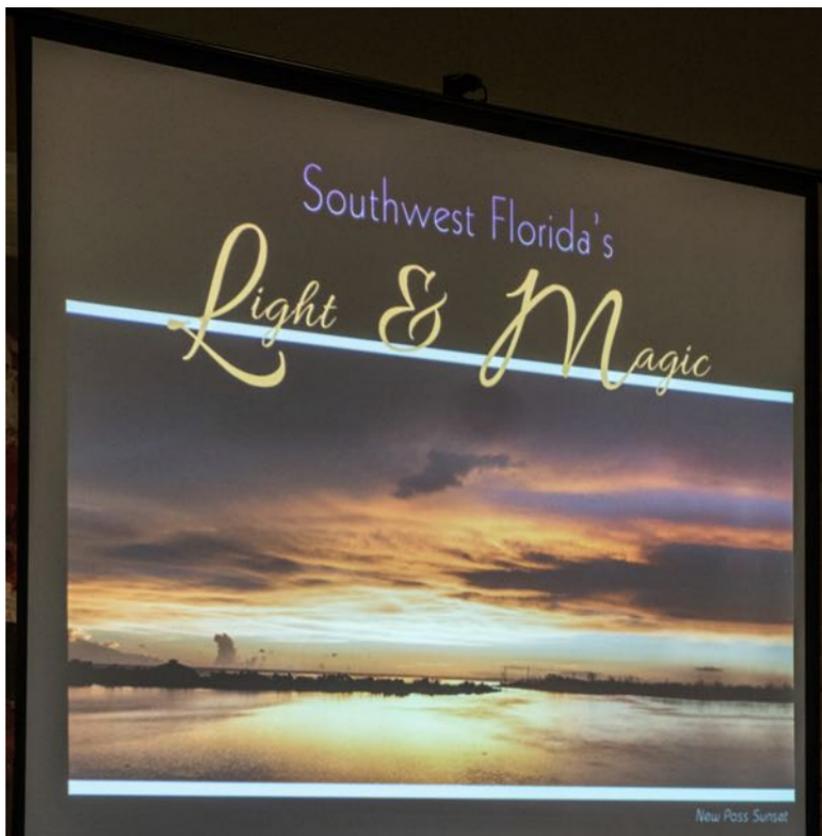
M.E. explained she has a few perspectives that she likes to live by:

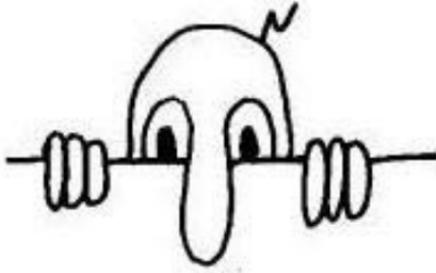
“Travel in good company.”

“Do what you love and teach someone younger than you how to do what you do.”

“If wide angle perspectives don’t work out, try tele-photo.”

“Always take time to collect a few shells, because we live in a really, really special place.”





50/50 \$2,496

3 Cards, One Ace, Joker

This Week Program

Darcy Eikenberg
How to Accelerate your Impact

**A Disappointed George Cohan
drew the 5 ♥ for \$5**



The 50/50 is \$2,496

Birthdays

Ed Houck Sep 21

Rotary Sings:

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth
The peace that was meant to be.
With God as our father
Brothers all are we.
Let me walk with my brother
In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now.
With every step I take
Let this be my solemn vow.
To take each moment
And live each moment
With peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth,
And let it begin with me.

This Morning's Invocation

Almighty God, by whose grace and goodness we have been abundantly blessed, by whose standards we are called to live, and by whose summons we are called to serve, we gather again for this opportunity to fulfill the obligations and opportunities we have as Rotarians.

We pray for members of our Club and their families who are carrying burdens of illness, bereavement, loneliness, or their disruptions in their lives. Grant comfort, strength, faith and perseverance in dealing with adversities being experienced.

Bless now our table fellowship and the food prepared for our enjoyment and physical need. We are grateful for these and all blessings received because of your grace and goodness. Amen.

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