



The Spoke

October 12, 2016

Rotary



Last Week...14

President **Steven Slachta** dinged, dinged the meeting to order. **Ed Houck** presented the invocation; **Roger Brunswick** led the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Steve McIntosh** recited the Four Way Test flawlessly and with gusto.

Song Leader **Wayne Hemstead** led singing of *This Land is Your Land*. There was good participation and the singing sounded pretty good.

Steven announced there would be a \$2 fine for any cell phone that “goes off”.



Mark Generales is a member of the SFWMD Water Resources Advisory Commission. He came forward to describe some of the steps the district and the Corps of Engineers have taken to minimize the danger to life around Lake Okeechobee in the face of Hurricane Matthew. There have been increased discharges from the Lake via the Coloosahatchee River which can't be avoided since there is no other place to put the water.

Tom Burgess reminded us of the plea made by Paul Olivera for the scholarship being created in the name of his late sister Rebeca Olivera, an FGCU graduate and enthusiastic Rotaracter, who died in an accident in Monterrey, Mexico just after FGCU graduation.

The club Foundation **will match contributions** up to \$2,000. Contributions may be made by check or on the website. On the website note "Foundation Match" for the description.

Steven welcomed the return of **Jim Renfro** from his Swedish summer. Jim says "The frost was on the pumpkin as we left."

Bob Lombardo thanked all those who golfed and/or dined or sponsored for the fourth annual Cirella's event for local veterans. It was a great success, raising more than \$20k.

Ron Anderson, a district board member for the Gift of Life, announced a "**Special Evening of Music**" to benefit life-saving open heart surgery for children. The event will be Saturday, October 29th, 6-9 pm in Sarasota. Tickets are

\$75/pp and include catered hors d'oeuvres, concert, and cash bar. Contact Ron if you are interested.



Steve McIntosh came forward to introduce, **Simon Meyer**, the first recipient of the **Warfield Bonita Springs Rotary Club Scholarship**. Steve thanked the club and the foundation for all of their support of public education from kindergarten reading to FGCU Rotaract.

Simon has been a life long resident of Bonita and has been committed to academic excellence

and scholarship and community service. He has volunteered at the Center for the Arts, Wonder Garden, Cafe of Life, and others. He went to Fort Myers HS, graduating from the International Baccalaureate Program with a 5.36 GPA, and is now maintaining a 3.67 GPA at FGCU.

Steven reminded us of the 5k race “End Polio Now” on November 19th before the Taste of Bonita. **Brian Olitsky** says we should start training now to be ready to run.

Steven asked for volunteers to help put the finishing touches on the Community Garden on Saturday, October 15th.

Wendy Arsenault rose to show off the new Poinsettia Sale order form designed by **Len Eckert**. Now is the time to get orders from your business, church, home owners’ association.

Sergeant-at-Arms **Roger Brunswick** fined for late, scooting, and no pins. He tried to appeal to us, “Understand this is all in good fun.....Please.” He then suffered the embarrassment of calling Jim, Gordon...

Donna Marcotte introduced our speaker **T.C. Bell**. T.C. is a non-lawyer who became interested in the Supreme Court's decisions during discussions with former Assistant Attorney General Paul McGrath. [Paul was often a speaker at our meetings].



T.C. was the **counterpoint to last week's program** that presented a "Strict Constructionist" interpretation of the Constitution. His interest was fostered by Paul who made himself available to talk about the issues and more importantly, "helped me to consider both sides of an argument before making a decision."

The “Loose Interpretation” side believes:

“The framers indicated they did not want to their specific intentions to control future interpretations of the Constitution.

“Many compromises were made to get agreement on the language of the document.

“Different framers would look at the same words and come up with different meanings.

“Often the the intent of the framers is not discernible or knowable and to impute an intent and call that ‘objective truth’ is more than a little disingenuous.”

T.C. believes, “No constitution can anticipate the means by which a government in the future will oppress and state the freedoms of the people. Sometimes it takes a judge to fit the gap and provide the means by which a government can’t abrogate the freedoms of the people.”

He told us, “The text of the Constitution uses vague terms and phrases. What actually those terms and phrases mean is open to interpretation and understanding.”

And finally, “Non-originalists allow judges to head off crisis that could be the result of an inflexible interpretation of a provision that no longer serves its current purpose... [this has] allowed the interpretations to evolve to enlighten our understanding of the way in which people must treat racial minorities and women.

“The Constitution defines our most fundamental freedoms and powers in very general terms; Freedom of speech; Due process of the Law; Equal Protection...

“The framers intended succeeding generations to use these vague terms, terms that are as clear as smoked glass, open to widely varying interpretations. The principles in the Constitution do not change with time, but the application of those principles change as people and society change.”

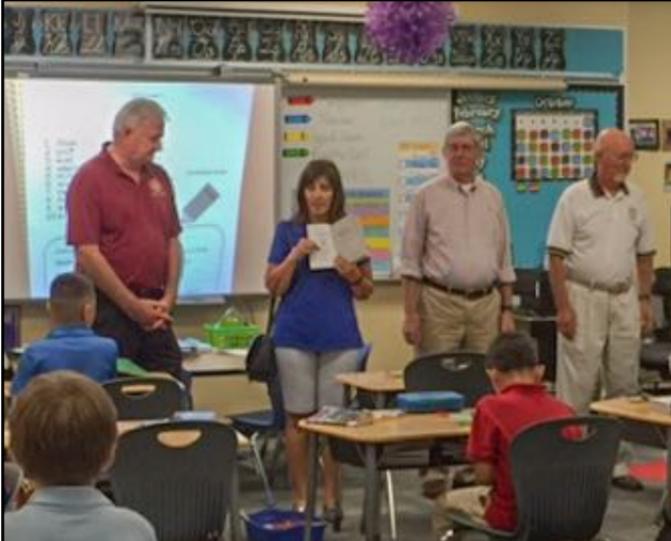
In conclusion, T.C. said, “I have concluded, but admit that it is debatable, that the Constitution in the minds of the framers was not the cap stone or final stone placed to finish their work, but it was the superstructure like a building framework that was built on a foundation of the Declaration of Independence. The Constitution was the framework on which future generations were to build a more glorious edifice of law.”



Frank Liles and Bob Rosier help Bobbi Bird get ready for the final 50/50 drawing.



There was a good crowd on hand.



Rotarians at Work!

Club President Steven Slachta, Past President Sandy Hemstead, John Flammang, and Steve Krchniak after handing out dictionaries to third graders at Rayma C Page Elementary School.



Ron Anderson, Carl Bals, Mark Generales, Roger Brunswick, and Jim O'Leary getting ready to present dictionaries to third graders at San Carlos Park Elementary School.

This Week Program

Lori Roti, Principal
De LaSalle Academy

Mrs. Riti brings a wealth of experience in special needs education to De LaSalle Academy, with over twenty years in private and public education. She holds a master's degree in Educational Leadership from the University of Notre Dame, a master's in Special Education from Barry University, and a bachelor's in Elementary Education from the University of South Florida.



53 Cards



Teri Lamaine, wife of 50/50 winner Dale Timble, was on hand to help him carry home the winnings.

Dale Timble didn't miss the Joker for \$2,998



The 50/50 is \$500

Birthdays

Scott Anderson Oct 13

Rotary Sings: Shine on Harvest Moon

So shine on
Shine on harvest moon
Up in the sky

I ain't had no lovin'
since January, February,
June or July

Snow time ain't no time to stay
outdoors and spoon
So shine on
Shine on harvest moon

This Morning's Invocation

O Lord of the universe, as this month hastens by we become conscious not only of passing time but the seasonal transitions built into the world of nature. We pray that as we deal with the various transitions we encounter in life, we will be given needed faith, endurance, patience and strength, enabling us to make positive experiences out of the changes which will come.

As Rotarians committed to serving others, help us to be sympathetic facilitators of change in those who struggle with unwanted changes.

Help us to be good stewards of our abilities, our resources, and our time for our own sake and for others.

Bless now to our physical use the food prepared for us, and to our need for sociability, the fellowship of this group. Amen.

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