



The Spoke

October 19, 2016

Rotary



Donation to Rotary's Camp Florida



Liz Fields, Executive Director of Rotary's Camp Florida accepts a check for \$1,000 from **Susan Schmitt** as club president **Steven Slachta** and treasurer **Bob Lombardo** look on.

Susan said, "Rotary's Camp Florida helps provide valuable services to children with special needs."

She says she has been passionate about the camp for 8 years. "Camp Florida has taken the concept [camp for special needs children] and really just blossomed into a beautiful project so that children

who would never be able to go to a camp anywhere can come and be like every other kid. **It all works because of Rotary. It's a project we all should be proud of.**"

Last Week ...15

President **Steven Slachta** presided. **Susan Schmitt** presented the invocation; **Roger Brunswick** led the Pledge of Allegiance; and Col. Steven recited the Four Way Test flawlessly.

Ron Anderson was pressed into service to lead the singing of *Shine on Harvest Moon*.

Clara Anne Graham offered the League of Women Voters guide on the "Amendments" and information about the Florida Supreme Court Justice candidates. Information on local election candidates can be found at www.lwvlee.org.

Steven thanked **Walter** and **Danny**, Bonita Bay staffers, who make our breakfasts so pleasant. Walter will be visiting Colombia for a few weeks.

Tom Burgess introduced several visiting Rotaractors. He reported that Paul Olivera will be visiting the Noon and Estero clubs to solicit support for **the Rebeca Olivera Memorial Scholarship**. The club Foundation will match contributions up to \$2,000. **Donations may be made on the club web site**. In the description please include "scholarship match".

Rex Sims reported the passing of long time Rotarian **Buddy Cliff**. "He was with us in the bowl-

ing alley and was a Past President. He devoted a lot of time to the club and Rotary meant a lot to him.”

Steven said, “Dictionary Day..It’s the best time of my life. **Steve Krchniak** and I went to 8 third grade classrooms [to hand out dictionaries]. In 4 of the rooms we found kids with birthdays, so we sang Happy Birthday to them.”

Roger Brunswick, Dictionary Day Chairman, thanked all who help with the labelling and distribution.

Wendy Arsenault is looking for volunteers to help with Poinsettias at the Christmas Tree tent the day after Thanksgiving.

Steven is looking for some help at an October 22, 4 - 7 pm Casino Night for residents and veterans at the American House. He is especially looking for people “**who know how to deal** black jack and poker.”

Paul Harris Fellow Recognition



Roger Brunswick Photo

Scott Gerrish PH+2, **Sara McCallum** PH+1, and **Tom Briers** PH+4 received recognition pins at last week's meeting.

Sergeant-at-Arms Roger Brunswick was introduced with “..and now it's time for our great Sergeant-at-Arms.”

Roger started with a “Congratulations to everybody for being on time”, only to discover at least one confessed late. He welcomed returning “sum-

mertime” Rotarians and organized a shout-out to celebrate **Scott Anderson**’s birthday.

Sandy Hemstead forwarded a **Gift of Life** report on an October 2016 El Salvador Mission. “Last week, we coordinated our 26th training mission to El Salvador with a total of 13 children treated. The majority of children treated had very complex heart disease.” Part of the funding for the mission was from the club’s Global Grant.



There was no condensation on the windows. It’s safe to come back!

Last Week Program



Susan Schmitt introduced **Liz Fields**, Executive Director of the camp. “Liz has been with the camp for two years. She’s a whirling dervish. The camp is 180° different and improved and more beautiful than the last time we had a project up there.”

Liz has been making a tremendous effort to get out and meet ALL of the Rotarians in the State of Florida. She has logged several thousand miles and has already been to many Rotary Clubs.



Liz Fields

Twenty five years ago, twenty eight local Rotarians personally guaranteed the loan and the then 17 Rotary Clubs in Hillsborough County contributed \$100 per member (over \$110,000) to cover the first year's operating budget. On December 9, 1991, Rotary's Camp Florida was incorporated to acquire, operate and maintain a year-round camp facility for children with special medical needs.

The first group of campers came in June, 1992. That summer, five special needs groups enjoyed RCF. Today RCF is used by many groups and is in

use almost year-round. Last year, over 4,300 happy campers spent time at RCF. Since 1991, Rotary Clubs from throughout Florida and individuals have contributed to the Camp.

Rotary members recognized a need for this special facility, and rose to the challenge to secure and operate the campsite. The continued support of Rotary throughout Florida allowed over 4,300 happy campers to enjoy the campsite last year.



**Annual Christmas Party
Wednesday, December 14th
Colony Bay Club**



***This Week
Sara Ryan
Personal Protection Inside
and
Outside the Home***



50/50 \$500

52 Cards

**Our Leader drew the
A ♦ for \$100**



The 50/50 is \$500

Birthdays

John Flammang Oct 21

Rotary Sings: When You're Smiling

When you're smiling
When you're smiling
The whole world smiles with you When you're
laughing
Oh, when you're laughing
The sun comes shining through But when you're
crying
You bring on the rain
So stop your sighing
Be happy again
Keep on smiling
'cause when you're smiling
The whole world smiles with you

This Morning's Invocation

Good and gracious God, in the midst of the massive, contrasting, colorful organization called Rotary, please honor the efforts of single individuals as well.

No matter what our station may be, help us to be diligent and faithful wherever in Your Providence we find ourselves. Help us to be true to the values we espouse as Rotarians.

Strengthen us as we persevere in efforts to reclaim the virtue which have been trampled by the rush of secularism in our society.

As we share our meal today, we are reminded again of the blessings and provisions of our needs, which are ultimately traceable to Your Goodness.

Bless also the fellowship we enjoy and the good we seek to do through our club. Amen.

Rotary International President

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