



The Spoke

November 16, 2016

Rotary



Vets get a special pin



Wayne Hemstead called all veterans to the front and presented them with a special Rotary Veteran's pin. Then he sang a song dedicated to veterans, *God Bless the USA*.

Bobbi Bird announced that The International Fellowship of Rotarian Military Veterans is now an official Fellowship of Rotary International.

Membership forms are live! <http://rotariansvet-erans.org/join.html>

Last Week ...19

President **Steven Slachta** dinggg'd the meeting to order. **Jim O'Leary** read his mother's favorite prayer before the regular invocation; **Roger Brunswick** led the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Jason Dolle** got three out of four when reciting the Four Way Test.



Steven then gave Wayne a **proclamation from the City of Bonita Springs to the Rotaract Club** in appreciation of the dedication and assistance to the American House and all your contributions to the City.



Wayne presented the proclamation to the Rotaractors Wednesday evening.

Tom Briers pitched the annual Christmas Party on December 14th at the Colony Bay Club. Cost is \$65/pp which includes dinner, 2 drinks, and great fellowship. Signup sheets are circulating or email tbriers@brierscpa.com.

Scott Anderson says he needs a few more workers for the Christmas Tree Tent. Check the signup sheets for opportunities.

Donna Marcotte is offering sponsorships for the Christmas Tree Tent. \$250 gets a logo on a 3' x 4' banner on the road side of the tent. All logos will be displayed at the check out station and will be in all newspaper advertising.

Bob Lombardo is still looking for some more contributions to the **Rebeca Olivera Scholar-**

ship Fund. We have not quite made the \$2,000 for the maximum match.

Brian Olitsky reminded us of the November 19th 5k benefiting “End Polio Now”. Brian needs 20 volunteers to act as course marshals. Arrive by 7:30am. The event should be over by 9:30 am. All volunteers get a very nice t-shirt courtesy of Brian.

Wendy Arsenault says she will be running her very first 5k. In addition, she says poinsettia sales are a little slow. She is getting more plants and will have extras to satisfy late orders and sales at the tent and there will be a one day sale at the Promenade.

Adam Botana presented the **Rotary Minute**. He named Woodrow Wilson, Warren Harding, Walt Disney, Thomas Edison, Winston Churchill, Sam Walton, Neil Armstrong, Orville Wright, John F. Kennedy, J.C. Penny, Gerald Ford, FDR. . “Do you know what we have in common with these great people?” They were Rotarians.

Roger Brunswick was Sergeant-at-Arms. He introduced visitors and reminded the assembly that shorts were “out of season” between November 1st and May 1st. He collected a couple of late and scooting fines.

He then reported seeing **Bob Lombardo** driving his show car north on I-75. Bob admits to winning a prize for his entry.

It was Bob's birthday week. He asked that we all **"Pay it forward today. Make someone smile. Open a door. Make someone feel good."**



Last week Program

Adam Botana introduced our speaker archaeologist **Theresa Schober**. Before Florida, Schober participated in or directed archaeological excavations in Canada, Mexico and Panama.



Now she concentrates on studying the historical significance and behaviors of the habitants of Estero Island, in particular the Mound House, which is built atop a Calusa Indian Mound dating back to 4000 B.C and the shell mounds and ridges of Mound Key that rise more than 30 feet above the waters of Estero Bay.

Mound Key is believed to have been the ceremonial center of the Calusa Indians when the Spaniards first attempted to colonize Southwest Florida. In 1566, the Spanish governor of Florida established a settlement on the island with a fort and the first Jesuit mission in the Spanish New World. The settlement was abandoned three years later after violent clashes with the Indians.

The first recorded contact between the Calusa and Europeans was in 1513, when Juan Ponce de León landed on the west coast of Florida in May, probably at the mouth of the Caloosahatchee River, after his earlier discovery of Florida in April.

In 1517 Francisco Hernández de Córdoba landed in southwest Florida on his return voyage from discovering the Yucatán. He was also attacked by the Calusa. In 1521 Ponce de León returned to southwest Florida to plant a colony, but the Calusa drove the Spanish out, mortally wounding Ponce de León.

In 1566 Pedro Menéndez de Avilés, founder of St. Augustine, made contact with the Calusa. He struck an uneasy peace with their leader Caluus, or Carlos. Menéndez married Carlos' sister, who took the baptismal name Doña Antonia at conversion. Menéndez left a garrison of soldiers and a Jesuit mission, San Antón de Carlos, at the Calusa capital. Hostilities erupted, and the Spanish soldiers killed Carlos, his successor Felipe, and several of the "nobles" before they abandoned their fort and mission in 1569.

The Calusa successfully resisted Spanish rule and attempts to convert them to Christianity. However their stronghold in Florida would crumble by the early 1700s. Slave raids drove them to the Florida Keys and ultimately to Cuba.

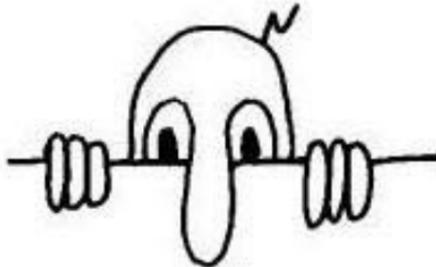
Their abandoned island capital would live on as a camp for Cuban fishermen. Then home to a small community of pioneers and Koreshans. Finally a state archaeological preserve.

Theresa is now producing *Escampaba - The Kingdom of Carlos* which brings this history to life. It recreates the unique and significant role southwest Florida played in our nation's history. The film includes interviews with leading scholars, descendants and activists. Bringing the past to life with re-enactments, animations, archival photographs and environmental footage, *Escampaba* recreates a forgotten piece of American history.

Banana Bay tour company offers an excursion, led by Theresa, that includes a detailed tour of Mound Key and a cruise through the Estero Bay.

This Week

***Lori Riti,
Principal, De La Salle Academy, Fort
Myers***



50/50 \$650±

48 Cards

**Giancarlo Tasso
drew the K ♣ for \$5**



The 50/50 is \$650±

Birthdays

**Richard Grarner Nov 20
Susan Hill Nov 20
Dave Lagendorfer (rr) Nov 24**

Rotary Sings: New York New York

Start spreading the news

I am leaving today

I want to be a part of it

New York, New York

These vagabond shoes

Are longing to stray

Right through the very heart of it

New York, New York

If I can make it there

I'll make it anywhere

It's up to you

New York, New York

This Morning's Invocation

Good and Gracious God, in this season of Thanksgiving, we pause to reflect upon what life would be like were it not for Your immeasurable love, grace, and generosity.

We give thanks for life itself, for minds to use in creative ways, and for hearts which generate compassion and love. We are grateful for the capacity to worship, to work, and to use those gifts to bring honor and glory to Your name.

As we share today the material gift of food in the context of meaningful relationships, we are grateful for the spiritual realities of life which supersede the material, giving satisfaction to the soul. With thankful hearts, we pray. Amen.

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