



The Spoke

December 14th, 2016

Rotary



Rotarians with the Christmas Spirit



Note from John Mathes showing the true Rotary spirit.

“Rotarians **John Mathes**, **George Cohan**, **Rick Barber**, and **Frank Liles** delivered and set up a 12' Christmas Tree for Chuck McBirney and his wife Sue. Chuck is a two time past president of our club and was recently diagnosed with ALS, Lou Gehrig's Disease. President Steve and the club decided to donate the tree to make their Christmas special. Chuck was very surprised, emotional and very thankful that we remembered him. It was good to see Chuck again and to brighten his day.”

Last Week ... 23

President **Steven Slachta** dinged the meeting to order. **Wayne Neller** presented the invocation; **Roger Brunswick** led the Pledge of Allegiance; and Past President **Jim Dati** recited the Four Way Test flawlessly.

Song Leader **Wayne Hemstead** gave us a brief history lesson before leading us in singing *O Christmas Tree*. He had a second verse written especially for Christmas tree sellers.

Steven notified us that, due to meeting time constraints, details of all “from the floor announcements” should be emailed to him. He will then make the announcement from the podium.

There will be **no meeting** Wednesday, December 28th.

Needed three directors and a Secretary

Next President **Jon McLeod** made known that he is chairman of the nominating committee for three directors and a secretary. The election will be in January.

The chosen secretary will be in line to be club president in 2019-2020. Jon says, “The easiest part of being secretary is being president. And the best part of being president is the paid for trip to the RI convention.”

Past Presidents reported their trips to Sydney, Bangkok, Montreal, Rio, and other wonderful locations.

McLeod reveals all



Jon then presented his “Member Moment”. He came to the club in 2010 after being President of the Noon club.

He is well remembered for his 14 day bike ride from **Boston to Key West** to raise funds for the Gift of Life. The money raised was for pediatric cardiac care in El Salvador.

In 2008, he made a Rotary trip to Belize that donated 300 wheelchairs earmarked for children. During the process, McLeod said he met five to six children who had previously received surgery through the Gift of Life program. They expressed to him their heartfelt thanks for the life-saving gift. "**That left an indelible mark on me,**" he said. That's the reason he chose to make the ride.

Jon recently left his account executive position at The Naples Daily News to return to real estate sales with John R Woods. He has previously had careers in real estate, Morgan Stanley, and as a small businessman. He describes himself as **Rotarian, Realtor,** and USCG **licensed boat captain.**

Jon has 19 year old twins from a previous marriage. He recently married Linea who has a 7 year old son and 11 year old daughter "who I love dearly."

Sandy Hemstead came forward to present the Rotary Minute. She introduced **Rich Kirschner,** District Governor Nominee Designate. He will follow Bobbi and Sandy as DG. Rich lives in Bonita, is a member of the Naples club, and is Associate Pastor at the First United Methodist Church of Naples.

Roger "**Good Morning Rotarians**" Brunswick was Sergeant-at-Arms. He started by fining the

men-only table, warned Eileen and GT about spouses sitting at the same table, and garnered a couple of bucks for late arrivals.

Roger pointed out **Adam Botana's** two pages of publicity and ads in the Spotlight. Roger noted there was no reference to Rotary in them and fined Adam \$5.

Roger then organized a Happy Birthday singing to **Sandy Hemstead** by all the men under 65.

Visitor **Peter Ferner** told us about the Order of Saint Barbara celebrated on December 4th. This is a military honor society of artillerymen. Peter was LTCOL in the German Artillery before retiring.

We observed a moment of silence at 7:55 AM commemorating the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941.

Last Week ... Program

John Flammang introduced his former neighbor and our speaker Dr. **Gary Goforth**. Gary graduated from Vanderbilt University School of Medicine in Nashville, Tenn. did his residency at Tripler Army Medical Center in Honolulu, Hawaii and earned a master's degree in tropical medicine and hygiene from the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences in Bethesda, Md.

As an Army doctor he had a role in developing a family medicine residency program in Kabul, Afghanistan. As a Rotarian he is PDG of district 7750.

Gary spoke about the CART Fund, **the little blue buckets**. The CART Fund is dedicated to raising funds to provide “seed” money for cutting edge, high impact research in hopes of finding a cure/prevention for Alzheimer’s Disease (AD).



Dr. **Gary Goforth**

AD is **brain failure**. It is a **progressive brain disorder** that gradually destroys brain cells and affects a person's memory, ability to learn, make judgement, communicate and carry out basic daily activities. It **is not normal aging**. It is a **progressive, fatal disease** without a cause that has no cure. It is a devastating disease for victims and their families.

Starting in one SC Rotary club in district 7770 in 1995, CART has been adopted to date by all Rotary district clubs in Georgia and the two Carolinas as well as a number of individual clubs throughout the United States.

CART Fund by-laws require that **100% of all donated funds must go to A.D. research**.

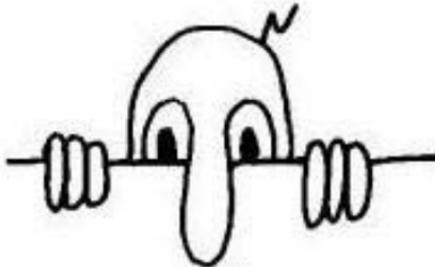
From the beginning, CART has been a novel fundraising program. **Rotarians are encouraged** to voluntarily empty their pockets and purses of change, or whatever amount they choose, whenever they attend a Rotary meeting.

While the name "CART" stands for "Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust," contributions of currency, checks or credit cards are also welcome. So far 34 grants have been awarded totaling \$5.8 million.

This Week

Lois Knox

***Florida Small Business
Development Council***



50/50 \$865

45 Cards



**John Flammang drew the
2♠ for \$5**



The 50/50 is \$865

Birthdays

Mike O'Dell Dec 18

Rotary Sings: Jingle Bells

Dashing through the snow
On a one horse open sleigh
O'er the fields we go,
Laughing all the way
Bells on bob tail ring,
making spirits bright
What fun it is to laugh and sing
A sleighing song tonight

Oh, jingle bells, jingle bells Jingle all the way
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one horse open sleigh
Jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one horse open sleigh

This Morning's Invocation

Dear God, as we pursue our commitments as Rotarians, help us not to be satisfied with mediocrity in what we do, nor with shallowness in what we are.

In our culture where superficiality abounds, we pray for the will to demonstrate strong commitment to the rock solid values and virtues we espouse and embrace as persons and as a Club. Let our example to others be clear and compelling.

We offer thanks for food prepared for our use, and for those who serve us. Let our table conversations be uplifting, and our concern for others genuine.

May the time we spend here today be productive for the purposes to which we subscribe. Thank you for all the favors from Your Hand. Amen.

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