



The Spoke

January 4th, 2017

Rotary



Happy New Year!



Last Week ..25

Next President **Jon McLeod** convened the meeting. **Wayne Neller** offered the invocation; **Lauren Teodoro** (Juan's daughter, age 7) led the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Ray Faubion** recited the Four Way Test flawlessly and with gusto.

Song Leader **Wayne Hemstead** introduced *The Christmas Song*, told us it was written in 40 minutes, has been recorded every year since 1945, and led the singing.



Our own happy Tough Mudder, **Don Manley**, has pledged to donate a wheelchair for every mile of Tough Mudder events he completes. He is hoping to do 150 miles for the year. Contact Don if you are interested in joining his pledge.

Bobbi Bird reported that 2,000 people would join together at the 4th annual *Holidays Without Hunger*, a food-packing event that aims to pack 700,000 meals in two hours.

We received and circulated a thoughtful Christmas card from **Walter Restrepo** of the Bonita Bay Club staff.

An election is coming. Please contact Jon McLeod if you interested in **servicing as a director or club secretary.**

Donna Marcotte requests all Christmas Tree Sale sponsors send in their payments.



Visiting Rotarian **Peter Ferner** rose to express his “**concern**” that “I must fly Air Berlin to Munich and leave this wonderful country.”

He expressed his “**joy**”, “to take this opportunity to thank you all for your sincere friendliness and outstanding hospitality. I appreciate the weekly songs, mutual understanding, goodwill, and peace...”

I'm sorry that I must say goodbye to you. Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.”

Peter presented **Wayne Hemstead** with a collection of sheet music of important German Christmas Carols. Then he played *auf Wiedersehen* on his hunting bugle.

Roger Brunswick was Sergeant-at-Arms. “Out of the goodness of my heart, I'm not going to fine you [for scooting]...nor am I gonna fine me.”



Roger conducted an “applause meter” contest to find the best “ugliest” Christmas clothing. **Jim Horein**’s tie was the clear winner much to the disappointment of runner-up **Donna Marcotte**.

Roger was unsuccessful in ignoring Birthday Boys Vince Modarelli and Scott Gerrish. After hesitation, he led the singing of Happy Birthday.





Hal Cooper (left) and Jim Friedgen serenade Bobbi Bird

In Memoriam

Former club member and long time Rotary Regular, **Jim Friedgen**, passed away on December 27th after a long battle with cancer. Jim is survived by his wife Sue, several children, step children, and grand children. Arrangements are indefinite at this time.

Last Week Program



John Flammang introduced our speaker **Wayne Leinen**, Executive Director of the **Animal Refuge Center** in North Fort Myers.

Wayne's day job is as a technical consultant to the Orthopedic Division of Johnson & Johnson. His wife, Laura, a veterinarian, is President of the Board of Trustees. A recent highlight for her was, "performing the intake medical exams for the animals we received from the flood-ravaged Carolinas in October of 2015."



The Animal Refuge Center is a 501c3 Non-Profit animal welfare society. It is a non-euthanasia organization **dedicated to caring for all homeless animals brought into its care.**

As the largest no-kill shelter/sanctuary in SW Florida, ARC provides interim shelter and medical care to homeless, injured or abandoned animals. Their philosophy avows that once an animal is accepted for adoption, **it will not be destroyed to make room for another.**

They place approximately 500 dogs and cats per year into responsible, loving homes through direct and indirect adoptions.

ARC's on-going mission is to provide community education as to the needs and care of animals, and public awareness regarding the importance of spaying and neutering their animal companions, with the ultimate result being the elimination of euthanasia.

Dogs and cats are available for adoption every Saturday at Petco (the Forum store on Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers) from 11:00 AM until 3:00 PM.

ARC is always looking for new volunteers to help transport and showcase their available residents at Off-Site Adoption Events. Contact Executive Director, Wayne Leinen, at dep_rep@msn.com!

Ray Faubion brings future Rotarian...tells all



Ray Faubion with granddaughter Aveline

Past President **Ray Faubion** stepped up to present his Vocational Service Moment. Ray was born in Miami and moved to Fort Myers in 1961 when his father opened a State Farm Insurance Agency there. He followed in his father's footsteps starting with early training as the weekend janitor at his dad's office.

Ray has been a licensed agent for 36 years and now is Vice President of BB&T Insurance Services overseeing the Naples and Bonita Springs markets. BB&T Insurance is the 5th largest agency in the country.

Ray concentrates on personal residential, property, auto and liability insurance.

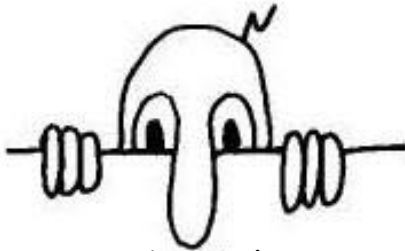
He was sponsored by **Mark McCaw**. Ray says, "**The best part of being a Rotarian is the friends you make while serving others**". He is a Past President, 2006 Citizen of the Year, and Love of Bonita award winner in 2013.

Ray is married to his high school sweetheart, Jeanne. They have three sons and now two grandchildren. He enjoys being called "Grampa".

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50/50 \$965

43 Cards

**Bob Lombardo drew
the K♠ for \$5**



The 50/50 is \$965
Birthdays

Ron Anderson Jan 8

Rotary Sings: Auld Lang Syne

Should auld acquaintance be forgot
And never brought to mind
Should auld acquaintance be forgot
In days of auld lang syne

For auld lang syne, my dear
For auld lang syne
We'll tak' a cup o' kindness yet
For auld lang syne

This Morning's Invocation

Loving and Gracious God, as the new year stretches before us, help us not to have sighs of remorse for things undone.

As the months unfold, we shall be grateful for every new hour brought to birth for our use. Inspire and strengthen us to make worthy use of the precious time entrusted to us.

Help us to discharge our duties with diligence and to seize every opportunity with eagerness to serve. In this Rotary Awareness Month, help us to be constantly aware of the blessings You have bestowed upon the far-flung enterprise in which we are privileged to be engaged.

Be with us now as we enjoy the blessings of food and fellowship in the spirit of togetherness which binds us together in our common cause. Thank you for calling us to be servants. Amen.

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