



The Spoke

February 22th, 2017

Rotary



Adam Botana in his Vocational Service Moment described his family's path in the development of the **Bay Water exclusive Boat Club.**

Adam was born in Naples where his family lived since the 1950's. The family business was the "Carnival Industry" and they traveled around the country to state fairs. In the '80s much of their business was providing food and beverages at Nascar events.

The grandfather had bought a water front property on Bonita Beach Road in the 1970's. The family thought that a boat rental business

would be a good complement to their summer carnival business.

They started with 2 boats and soon had 16. They survived the 2004 hurricanes and prospered as other marinas were converted to dockminiums.



They opened the Bay Water Exclusive Boat Club in 2006 with just one club boat and no members. Eight years later the club has grown to over 30 boats and over 300 members. “Our goal is to offer everyone the opportunity to enjoy the beautiful waterways and beaches of Southwest Florida, without the hassles of boat ownership. **Our club provides something different and unique that no other clubs can duplicate.**”

“Bay Water Exclusive Boat Club is the only club in Southwest Florida that has a contractual 10:1 member to boat ratio. At Bay Water, there are 8 dock hands helping you load the boat and coolers, as well as 2 dock masters’ on-site to help plan your day and go over the boat you reserved. We love the boating business, as well as the area. Our camaraderie with our members is treasured. We think of them as our friends.”

“We’re lucky grampa bought the property. We’ve just invested \$3 million in the boat club. We could not have done it without the help of you guys from the Rotary Club. What I like about Rotary is the connections I make and the mentoring a lot of you gave me.”

Last Week Meeting ...33

Ding, Ding, President **Steven Slachta** called the meeting to order. “It sure is good to be back.”

Wayne Hemstead delivered the invocation; **Roger Brunswick** led the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Steve Krchniak** chanted the Four Way Test in his unique style.

Song Leader Wayne Hemstead led us in singing Nat King Cole’s *L.O.V.E.* The song was written in 1964 which Wayne claims makes it “modern”.

Former Rotary Regular **Frank Keck** had a fall, hit head, and is in the Stanford University Medical Facility. He needs our prayers.

Rex Sims reported completing his 32nd Valentine’s Day at **Heaven Scent Flowers**. He says they completed everything, delivered safely and on time.

Sara McCallum chastised the membership for ignoring the **Blue Buckets**. She says half the buckets were empty after the last meeting.

Steve McIntosh took over the microphone to introduce the students and teachers of the month. “This is the future. This is what makes our country great...public education.”



President **Steven Slachta** on left with **Steve McIntosh** on right, presented awards for students and teachers of the month. From second on the left, teacher **Libby Jebbet-Diamond**, teacher **Melissa Schachtschneider**, student **Brooke Klinger**, and student **Samantha Maurer**. The honorees received a certificate and a gift card at a local book store.

Sandy Hemstead presented the **Rotary Minute**. She asked, “Who likes Blue Grass? Who would like to hear Bill Gates speak? Who likes to go to birthday parties? If you answered ‘Yes’ then go to the **Rotary International Convention in Atlanta**.”

Adam Botana reminded us that chances for the 21st Annual Reverse Raffle are being distributed. It's time to start selling.



Sara McCallum came forward to present an **Honorary Paul Harris Fellow recognition** to **Jane Klinker**. Jane is a teacher at Estero High School and has been sponsor the the very successful Interact Club at EHS.

Dr Steve McIntosh said, “Ms Klinker has been sponsor of the Interact Club for 12 of its 20 year existence. She is the reason the club is so successful. She is there for every meeting and event.” The Honorary Paul Harris Fellow recognition acknowledges individuals who have contributions made in their name of US\$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International.



Mark Generales, up to his neck in alligators, asked that members RSVP to the invitation for the **FineMark Nautical Flea Market kickoff cocktail party** scheduled for March 15th. Contact **Carrie Reynolds** for information. Mark is still looking for sponsors.

Interact Club Report

Steve McIntosh introduced the program with “I want you to know how much I appreciate this club’s **support for public education**: Interact, Rotaract, Scholarships, Student/teachers of the month, Dictionary Day, and I like me program for kindergarteners.”



Sammy Maurer left, president of the Estero High School Interact Club, and **Brooke Klinker**, vice president, presented a slide show of the club’s activities this year:

Making Valentine’s Day Cards for patients at Estero Life Care Center.

Cooking 3 course meals for residents of Ronald McDonald’s House.

Coastal Cleanup at Lover's Key.

Working on the YMCA garden.

Helping at Taste of Bonita.

Painting "the Paws" at EHS.

Wrapping books for BS Elementary students' Christmas presents.

Received a Certificate of Appreciation from the City of Bonita Springs for helping at the American House.

Participating in Dictionary Day at BS Elementary.

The club was chartered in January 1998 and now is in its 20th year.



Upcoming Events

Wednesday, March 8th, **Rotary Regulars' Meeting.**

Thursday, March 15th, 5:30-7:30. **Nautical Flea Market kickoff** cocktail party for club members and F.O.L.K. at FineMark, 10010 Coconut Rd.

Sunday, March 26th, 5-8 pm. **Installation Dinner.**
Pelican Isle Yacht Club. \$65/pp. No ties.

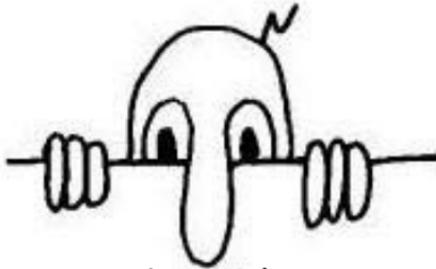
March 29th - April 3rd. Second annual **Nautical Flea Market.** Help needed. Contact Mary Saunders.

Saturday, April 8th, 8:30 - 10:30 am. Third Annual **Walk for Water.** Bonita Springs YMCA.

Saturday, April 29th, 6 pm. 21st Annual **Reverse Raffle.**
St John the Evangelist.

This Week

**Clayton Simmons, Principal
The State of Estero High School**



50/50 \$1,493

36 Cards

Len Eckert drew the 8♠ for \$5



The 50/50 is \$1,493

Birthdays

Sue Masters Feb 22
Frank Liles Feb 22
Steve McIntosh Feb 25

Rotary Sings: Michael Row the Boat

Michael row the boat ashore, Hallelujah!

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Here in Rotary we stand with pride, Hallelujah!

Working together side by side, Hallelujah!

Around the world- town by town, Hallelujah

Ol' man Polio is goin down, Hallelujah

Michael row the boat ashore, Hallelujah!

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This Morning's Invocation

O God, we come humbly into your presence by this avenue of prayer, expressing both our gratitude for gifts received, and our yearnings to be used as gifts to others.

To that end, grant us visions of service yet unrendered, an awareness of goals yet unattained and hopes yet unrealized.

Give us zeal and power to bring to reality the good and worthy things waiting to be done, and confirm our efforts by your assistance without which we labor in vain.

Strengthen us now by food prepared and enjoyed.

Enlighten us through productive conversations, and go with us as we return to waiting opportunities to make the day better for others. Amen.

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