



The Spoke

April 12th, 2017


Rotary



Get Out and Sell, Sell, Sell!

Adam Botana, Chair of the Reverse Raffle stepped forward to exhort us to sell raffle tickets. He has 100 unsold tickets which represents \$10,000 to the club. There are only 3 weeks to go before the raffle.

Last Week Meeting...40

 President **Steven Slachta** got the meeting started. **Carrie Reynolds** presented the invocation; **Jon McLeod** led the Pledge of Allegiance; and **John Flammang** recited the Four-Way Test.

Song Leader **Wayne Hemstead** got our attention to sing *Don't Fence Me In*. The song was written by Cole Porter in 1934.

Club of the Month

From the DG. "This month shows two clubs sharing the honors as leaders in promoting water safety for children. Maternal and child health includes teaching water safety. Maternal and child health includes teaching water safety.. **Bonita Springs**, most especially under the leadership of member **Nancy Ross**,... have embraced the **Josh the Otter** program, taking it out into their communities to protect children...Congratulations and thank you to the Rotary Clubs of **Bonita Springs** and Englewood for your commitment to Maternal and Child Health and your leadership example for all."

Nautical Flea Market

Mark Generales came forward to give a preliminary report on the NFM. We had 65 vendors and 5 boat dealers. Attendance was off because of poor weather on Friday and the date may have been too late in the season.

Bob Lombardo came forward and thanked this who had helped transform an open field into a temporary city and then returned ti to its pristine status.

Bob says that “we learned a lot this year. We believe we will be able to reduce the number of people on each shift next year.”

He singled out **Carl Nickel, Mary Saunders,** and **Don Manley** for special thanks for their efforts.

Medal for Veterans

Governor Scott will present medals at the **Bonita Bay Club, Monday, April 10th, 9 am.**

Eligibility: Any Florida resident who is either serving honorably as a member of the U.S. Armed Forces, the U.S. Coast Guard, or the U.S. Reserve Forces or any Florida resident who has been **honorably discharged or retired from active duty** as a member of the U.S. Armed Forces, the U.S. Coast Guard, the Florida National Guard, the U.S. Reserve Forces, or Merchant Mariners with veteran status is eligible. Note: Veterans need not have served in a combat zone to be eligible. Additional information at:

<http://floridavets.org/gvsa/>

Carrie Reynolds is moving away



Carrie is moving to Exuma Island, Bahamas at the end of the month. She has given her resignation to FineMark and will be leaving the club. It's a long way to the nearest Rotary Club from Georgetown, Exuma. Carrie, thank you for being a great Rotarian.

Sergeant-at-Arms

Jon McLeod substituted for our AWOL Sergeant-at-arms. He recognized all the Rotarians less than 37 years old (3). That's the number of years **Don Manley** has been a Rotarian. He then organized a shout-out for **Jim O'Leary's** 48th birthday.

Speaker Ed Ludemann

Chuck Spears stepped up to introduce the speaker saying, "My objective as speaker chair for the month has been to try to find some different type of speakers on new topics."

He introduced **Ed Ludemann** who had a 25 year career as senior FBI executive. After retiring, he became Global Director of Security for JPMorgan Chase and now works as a security consultant.



Ed graduated from Villanova and Wake Forest Law School. He spent his early career in North Carolina Field Offices. He moved up through the ranks to management jobs in Washington and finally became Special Agent in Charge of the New York Office, the largest FBI field office, his dream job.

Ed says, “After 25 years in the FBI, I am biased, prejudiced, and I love the FBI”. He is active in the Society of Former Special Agents.

He says, “The FBI may be the most powerful anti-criminal organization in the world, with 20,000 + agents. It is a tremendous power in this country and probably can do anything it wants.”

Ed reported he told Robert Mueller, “You’ve done a great job”, when Mueller retired. “How do you know?” Ed replied, “The FBI hasn’t been on the front page of the New York Times in the last two years.”

on Jim Comey

“From what I’ve heard and know he is a stand up guy to say the least... We ex-agents are all confused by Comey’s July announcement about Hillary. Why he would give a prosecutorial opinion on a matter the FBI is investigating is beyond me.”

on J. Edgar Hoover

“I think J. Edgar built a tremendous organization. His problem was he stayed too long.”

FBI/CIA/NSA

“Coordination between NSA and FBI has never been a problem. When I left the coordination between the CIA and FBI was great. (Judge Webster had been director of the FBI and then headed up the CIA.) At the lower levels there was always good



Upcoming Events

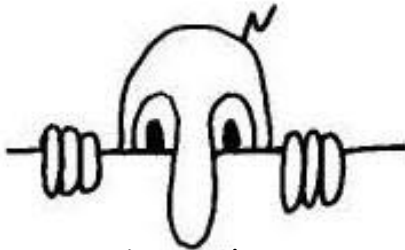
Saturday April 22, 8:30 am. **District Assembly.**
Port Charlotte. Training for Secretaries, Treasurers,
and a Grants Seminar. All Rotarians invited.

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

May 18-21 **District 6960 Conference.** Hyatt Regency
Sarasota.

This Week

Rhonda Walton
Corporate VP Wells Fargo
Selecting and Retaining Key Employees



50/50 \$1,941

29 Cards

**Jim Horein drew the
3♥ for \$5**



The 50/50 is \$1,875±

Birthdays

**John Spear Apr 12
Mary Saunders Apr 12
Kae Moore Apr 12
Brian Olitsky Apr 14**

Rotary Sings: Easter Parade

In your Easter bonnet,
with all the frills upon it,
You'll be the grandest lady
in the Easter Parade.

I'll be all in clover
and when they look you over,
I'll be the proudest fellow
in the Easter Parade.

On the avenue, Fifth Avenue,
the photographers will snap us,
And you'll find that you're in the
rotogravure.

Oh, I could write a sonnet
about your Easter bonnet,
And of the girl I'm taking
to the Easter Parade.

This Morning's Invocation

O God, as individuals and as a Club help us to engage in worthy endeavors, not for personal satisfaction but for the benefit of others.

Empower us to be men and women, not only of professional ability, but of such integrity that our words and works will be winsome and effective examples for others.

As we tend to the organizational details of our Club and projects, help us to always keep on mind the larger and higher purposes of our chartered existence.

We ask for Your blessing upon the food awaiting us that that we may be physically strengthened for continued service. May all we do and say be productive and to Your ultimate glory. Amen.

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