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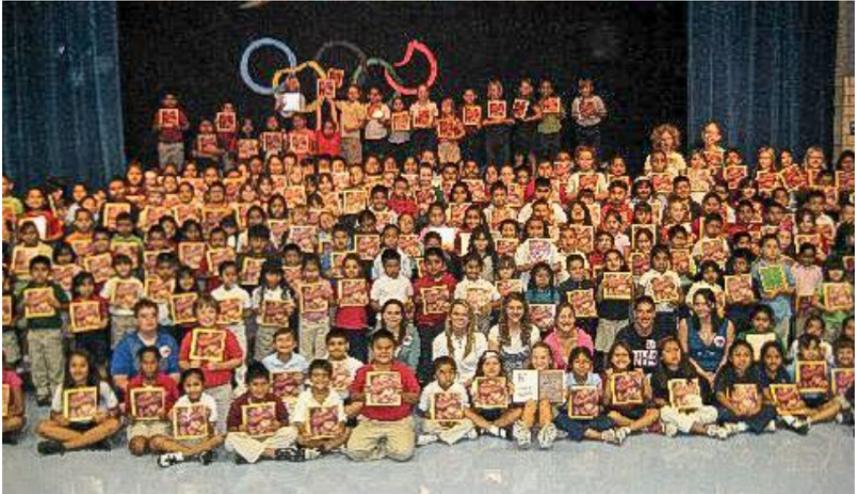


May 10rd, 2017

These Kids Need You!

Wednesday May 17th, 9 AM

I Like Me book reading and distribution



Ms. Diane Sherman, Spring Creek Elementary principal, recently asked all students to bring in their books for the photo shown here.

This is our seventeenth consecutive year of providing every kindergartner in Bonita Springs with a book customized to that child. The ***I Like Me*** book focuses on citizenship, conduct, appreciation of family, friends, and teachers, and living by what we in Rotary describe as the Four Way Test.

Past President **Jim Dati** says, "To my knowledge, ***I Like Me*** is the longest running program in our Club."

Steve McIntosh has scheduled the ***I Like Me*** book reading and distribution for the Bonita Springs Charter School for Wednesday May 17th immediately after the meeting. There are eight kindergarten classes so **we need at least eight Rotararians**. Please email DrSSM@aol.com if you will help out.

Last Week Meeting...44



Ding. President **Steven Slachta** was in the left seat. **Susan Schmitt** presented the invocation; **Roger Brunswick** led the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Carl Schwing** delivered the Four Way Test flawlessly.

Song Leader **Wayne Hemstead** introduced *I'm Looking Over a Four Leaf Clover* as the day's song. When Roger Brunswick said it was the first song he ever learned, he was invited to lead the singing.

Steven claims that he has finally got his email working again. During the outage, he missed the rescheduling of the Reverse Raffle so he showed up with a party of eight two weeks early.

Past President **Gerry Myers** rose to reflect on the passing of Past President **Bob Hagy**. He said, “Bob took a lot of skills from his working career and brought them to Rotary and many organizations in Bonita... Well done, Bob, Well done indeed.”

Steven announced that **Interact Scholarships** would be presented at the May 10th meeting.

Treasurer **Bob Lombardo** reported that invoices for dues had been sent out late. “but that doesn’t mean we want you to pay late.” Please send Bob a check or pay at the web site.

Matching Challenge

Jon McLeod reported that a Rotarian from the district has offered up to \$200,000 **matching donations to the TRF** for contributions made by May 18th. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to the next level PH recognition.

Who Knew?

Most members know they are expected to bring a check in the amount of a \$/year for their birthday celebration. But most members did not know that the **amount is credited to one’s Paul Harris account.**

Rotary Choir?

Birthday Boys Mark McCaw, GT Tasso, Gerry Myers, and Steve Hiatt wanted the Rotary Choir to serenade their birthdays. Since no one would admit to being in the Choir, Roger herded a group of “anyone who likes to sing” forward for the ceremony.



\$5 Tequila

This was the makeup date for celebrating **Adam Botana's** birthday. He showed up with the tequila, “It’s 5-clock somewhere”, sold shots for \$5 which he donated to the club.



Last Week Program



Nancy Ross introduced our speaker **Paula Di-Grigoli**, Executive Director, NCH Safe & Healthy Children's Coalition, who told us about the programs she directs including the county-wide water safety program.

The coalition had recently hosted a **Josh the Otter** presentation. Paula described swimming programs offered by the coalition including the **Guinness World** record "largest swimming lesson ever conducted at a single venue! 1,300 participants."

Paula concluded with this, "**We can do great things as individuals, but only together, can we overcome great problems.**"

The 4-Way Test
of things we think, say or do.

Is it the **TRUTH**?

Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?

Will it build **GOODWILL** and
BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all
concerned?

Upcoming Events

Saturday, May 13th, 6 pm. 21st Annual Reverse Raffle. St John the Evangelist.

May 17th, 9 AM, 17th annual, I Like Me Reading and Book Distribution at Bonita Springs Charter School

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

June 10-14 Rotary International Convention in Atlanta, Georgia.

This Week

**Cindi Doragh
Youth Services**



50/50 \$2,231

25 Cards

Speaker Paula DiGrigoli drew the 5♥ for \$5



The 50/50 is \$2,231

Birthdays

Chuck Spears May 11
Gordon Costley(rr) May 12
Chris Riesen May 12
Guy Quinn May 13

Rotary Sings: Sing out a Song of Rotary
Sung to: Give my regards to Broadway

Sing out a song of Rotary
Echoing throughout the land
Give of yourself to serve another
With a helpful Rotary hand.

Working together helps us
Remember our purpose grand
Sing out a song of Rotary,
And let it echo through the land

This Morning's Invocation

Good and Gracious God, it is humbling for us to realize that you have made each of us the crown of creation, not just for privilege but to be stewards of Your created order.

But we have been called also to be stewards of moral, ethical and spiritual values. Give us a sense of urgency as we seek to make a meaningful difference in the lives of others.

Grant to us as responsible citizens and leaders, such strength of character, courage of conviction and compassionate concern, that our influence for good will be felt in every life we touch.

Bless now our food to strengthen our bodies, and our fellowship to enrich our relationships.

In the spirit, as well as with words of gratitude, we offer this prayer. Amen.

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