



The Spoke



May 17th, 2017

Rotary Scholarship Kids

Steve McIntosh brought the EHS Rotary Scholarship winners and parents forward, announcing proudly, **“This is what you get when you invest in kindergarteners.”**

Speaking to the club, Steve said, “I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart **for everything you do for public education in this community.** Everything from the kindergarten reading program to sponsoring Interact at EHS, and scholarships for Rotaracters at FGCU”.



Steve introduced the winners, left to right:
Laurn Carter will be attending FGCU, 4.68 GPA.
Alexis Garcia will be attending FSU, majoring in psychology, 4.8 GPA.

Joel Reyes will be attending UCF, majoring in accounting and economics, 4.6 GPA.

Samantha Maurer will be attending UCF, majoring in accounting and economics, 5.3 GPA.

Victoria Romero will be attending FSW, majoring in sports medicine.

Last Week Meeting...45

Ding. President **Steven Slachta** clanged the meeting to order. **Gerry Myers** presented the Invocation; **Roger Brunswick** led the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Mark Generales** recited the Four Way Test.

Song Leader **Wayne Hemstead** led singing of *Sing a Song of Rotary*.

Help with Book Reading

Steve McIntosh needs Rotarians after the Wednesday meeting to help with the **I Like Me** book reading and distribution at Bonita Charter School. Please contact Steve, DrSSM@aol.com, if you can help out.

Notes

Brian Olitsky, assistant coach of the EHS track team, rose to describe the success of these kids who won the District meet, placed third in the Regionals, and had four boys who medaled at the State meet.

Vince Modarelli announced that he is leaving the News-Press to become Major Gifts Officer at Habitat for Humanity.

Marjorie Rubacky, club program chair, is looking for volunteers to be the monthly program chairs for July '17 through June '18. "Our program committee hosts this year have been outstanding." Please email or text Marjorie if you are willing to be a speaker chair for a month.

Plant a tree

Next year's RI President, **Ian Riseley** of Australia, has challenged every Rotary club to **make a difference** by planting a tree for each of its members between the start of the Rotary year on 1 July and Earth Day on 22 April 2018.

Next club President **Jon McLeod** has started a District project to plant 180 trees with the Noon and the Sunset Clubs and the City. **Jason Dolle** will be writing the grant application. The goal is the clubs will contribute \$15,000 toward this \$30,000 project.

Walter gets PHF recognition

PDG **Cindi Doragh** presented PHF recognition to **Walter Restrepo** of the Bonita Bay Club. The award was sponsored by **Wayne** and **Sandy Hemstead**.



Rotary Minute

Bob Lombardo presented the details of the “**Rule of 85**” attendance rules for members. Members who have a combination of age and years of service equaling 85 or greater may be excused from the regular attendance requirements. However, the member **must have 20 or more years of Rotary membership** to qualify.

Summer Golf

Mark McCaw has scheduled the Saturday, Summer Golf outings for:

6/3, 6/24, 7/8, 7/29, 8/19, 9/9, 9/30, 10/14

These are **fun golf events** with simple rules like, “pick up after 10 strokes.” Contact Mark if you are interested.

Roger Time

Roger’s latest edict is, “You will be fined if you sit with the same people each week.”

He introduced the Rotaractors, forgave a phone alarm for “take a pill”, and organized a standup Happy Birthday singing for **Chuck Spears** and **Chris Riesen**.

Last Week Speaker

Nancy Ross introduced our Speaker, PDG **Cindi Doragh** of the Fort Myers South club. Cindi is the District chairman of Youth Services. She is mother of five kids and a recent grandmother.

She said, “Rotary really wants to invest in youth” and described the present youth services programs.

Josh the Otter, a swimming safety program for very young kids and parents.

Roto Kids, a program for elementary school kids with programs designed to develop leadership skills and speaking ability.

Comprehensive Essay Contest, a program of the Noon club sponsoring a quarterly essay on a Rotary topic such as “Service Above Self”. Winners are recognized at District Conference.

Interact, a program to develop leadership skills, speaking ability and perform service projects for high schoolers.

RYLA, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, a program for 9 and 10th graders. A 3 1/2 day weekend program designed to develop leadership skills.

RYE, Rotary Youth Exchange, a program for inbound and outbound high school student study and living abroad with a host family for eleven months.

S4TL, Seminar for Tomorrow's Leaders, a dynamic, weeklong program teaching skills to engage, speak, and network for 11th and 12th graders.

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

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

**Roxanne Wendling
Guardian Ad Litem**



50/50 \$2,310

24 Cards

**GT Tasso drew the 4♠
for \$5**



The 50/50 is \$2,310

Birthdays

Wayne Neller May 15th

Rotary Sings: Oh What a Beautiful Morning

There's a bright, golden haze on the meadow
There's a bright, golden haze on the meadow
The corn is as high as an elephant's eye
And it looks like it's climbing
clear up to the sky.

Oh, what a beautiful mornin'
Oh, what a beautiful day.
I've got a beautiful feelin'
Everything's goin' my way.

This Morning's Invocation

Dear God, we ask for wisdom and strength not our own in order to make our citizenship and our professional endeavors worthy examples of life lived with integrity and compassion.

We intercede for members of this and other clubs who are experiencing adversity of any kind. Sustain them by Your grace and power. May they be uplifted and encouraged by the support of their colleagues and friends.

We offer thanks for food awaiting our enjoyment in the context of purposeful friendship. For the happy privilege of just being here, we are grateful.

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

Rotary International President

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