



The Spoke



June 14th, 2017

History, Evolution of the United States Flag



No one knows with absolute certainty who designed the first stars and stripes or who made it. Congressman **Francis Hopkinson** seems most likely to have designed it, and few historians believe that **Betsy Ross**, a Philadelphia seamstress, made the first one.

Until the Executive Order of **June 24, 1912**, neither the order of the stars nor the proportions of the flag was prescribed. Consequently, flags dating before this period sometimes show unusual arrangements of the stars and odd proportions, these features being left to the discretion of the flag maker.

In general, however, straight rows of stars and proportions similar to those later adopted officially were used.

The principal acts affecting the flag of the United States are the following:

On **June 14, 1777**, in order to establish an official flag for the new nation, the Continental Congress passed the first Flag Act: "**Resolved, That the flag of the United States be made of thirteen stripes**, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new Constellation."

Act of **January 13, 1794** - provided for 15 stripes and 15 stars after May 1795.

Act of **April 4, 1818** - provided for 13 stripes and one star for each state, to be added to the flag on the 4th of July following the admission of each new state, signed by President Monroe.

Executive Order of President Taft dated **June 24, 1912** - established proportions of the flag and provided for arrangement of the stars in six horizontal rows of eight each, a single point of each star to be upward.

Executive Order of President Eisenhower dated **January 3, 1959** - provided for the arrangement of the stars in seven rows of seven stars each, staggered horizontally and vertically.

Executive Order of President Eisenhower dated **August 21, 1959** - provided for the arrangement of the stars in nine rows of stars staggered horizontally and eleven rows of stars staggered vertically.

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Last Week Meeting ..49

Thanks to **Peter O'Flinn** for taking pictures and preparing notes.

President **Steven Slachta** commanded the meeting. **Sara McCallum** presented the invocation; **Roger Brunswick** led the Pledge of Allegiance; **Bob Langhans**(rr) read the Four-Way Test flawlessly.

Song Leader **Wayne Hemstead** with help from **Jon McLeod** led the club in a rousing rendition of *Sweet Caroline*.

Notes:

At least five people from the club expect to attend the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta.

Mark McCaw reported that there were 11 participants in the first golf outing at the South Course at Shadow Wood. The next golf outing is scheduled for June 24th. Please contact Mark if you are interested.

Jon McLeod reminded that it is important to have a quorum at the next Director's Meeting on June 14th.

Sara McCallum thanked **Bob Lombardo** for his Blue Bucket Challenge. The collection was \$50 about \$40 more than previous weeks.

Nancy Ross reported that she is walking with a cane and her back is feeling better.

Bobbi Bird said the Meals of Hope meal-packing was very successful. 119,232 meals were packed in just under two hours.

Mark Generales happily noted that State Funding for the proposed Lover's Key Visitors Center was not **vetoed** by Governor Scott.

Dale Timple told us that the Bonita Blues Charitable Foundation donated a total of \$42,000 to the Bonita Assistance Office, Music for Minors Foundation, and the Music Therapy Program at Golisano Children's Hospital.

Roger Brunswick Time



Roger Brunswick reminded everyone that we should be listening when someone else is speaking. Otherwise you may miss something important about elegant coiffures.

Roger then managed to organize a happy birthday shout out to Don Thomson: “**Happy Birthday Don, on June seventeenth.**”

Last Week Program



Bonita Springs City Manager **Carl Schwing** was the speaker. He touched briefly on many of the issues and initiatives the City, Lee County and the Lee County School Board are addressing in Bonita Springs including:

The Quadrant Plan and a recent land acquisition in the NE quadrant.

The wood chips buried at the Abernathy lot to become a “Bio-Reactor”. This is an experiment to determine how effective the process will be at filtering parking lot run-off.

The eventual extensions of both Logan Boulevard and Collier Boulevard are proposed to connect to Bonita Beach Road at the same location: between the residential communities of Palmira Golf & Country Club and VillageWalk Bonita Springs.

The Mayor and Council are still working with the Florida Legislature to get slots approved at the Dog Track.

The County is working on a multi-modal path on Big Hickory Island.

The City contributed \$150,000 to the construction of Pickle Ball courts at the YMCA. Residents may use the courts without being members of the Y. (There is a use fee, however).

Another partnership with Lee County is bringing a state-of-the-art \$14 million library facility into the heart of downtown Bonita Springs.

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?

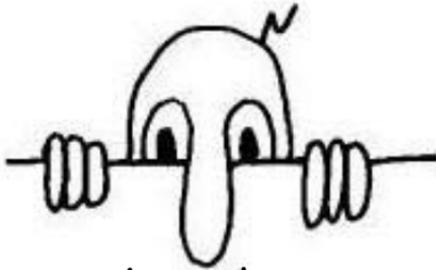
Upcoming Events

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

Saturday, June 24th, 3 - 9 pm Summer Solstice Family
Beach Bash at Lovers Key State Park Pavilion.

This Week

**David Grossi
Valor Honor Guard**



50/50 \$2,482

14 Cards Left

Including Ace, Joker

Dale Timble drew the A♠ for \$100



The 50/50 is \$2,482

Birthdays

Jay Berube June 15

Bill Oehler June 16

~~Don Thomson June 17~~

Rotary Sings: On Top of Old Smokey

On top of old Smokie, all covered in snow,
I lost my true lover, by courtin' too slow

On top of old Smokie,
I went there to weep
For a false hearted lover, is worse than a thief
A thief he will rob you, and take what you save
But a false hearted lover,
will put you in your grave

On top of old Smokie, all covered in snow
I lost my true lover, by courtin' too slow

This Morning's Invocation

Good and gracious God, in our witness to others enable us to be steadfast in duties deeply felt and humbly accepted.

Help us to be thoroughly responsible in our stewardship of the opportunities we are given to be truthful and fair, to show a benevolent spirit toward others, and to rigorously uphold the high ethical and moral standards we espouse as Rotarians.

Bless now our gathering in this place, that our influence for good will be felt in this small corner of the world.

To that end we offer gratitude for sustaining food, enriching fellowship and invigorating involvement in worthwhile endeavors. Amen.

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