



The Spoke



June 28th, 2017



Last Week Meeting ..51

Ding. President **Steven Slachta** at the controls. **Scott Gerrish** presented the invocation; **Roger Brunswick** led the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Gary Price** recited the Four Way Test flawlessly.

Song Leader **Wayne Hemstead** led a desultory singing of *In The Good Old Summertime*.

Notes

Peter O'Flinn reported his 4 year old daughter had eye surgery and he was optimistic about the outcome. The biggest problem is keeping the daughter in the house for two weeks while healing.

Budding author **Rex Sims** says he has been assigned an editor for new book.



Bobbi Bird announced that hotel rooms are already scarce for the RI Convention in Toronto next year. She also is looking for volunteers to **sell beer at the 4th of July Celebration** starting at 4 pm.

Mark McCaw says Saturday Golf continues. Please contact Mark if you are interested in fun Saturday morning golf.

Omer Dror lamented the passing of Helmut Kohl who, he says, was probably Europe's greatest and most **important statesman** after WWII. He was 16 years as German Chancellor and was instrumental in uniting Europe.

New Foundation Trustees

The nominating committee for Foundation Trustees, **Tom Briers**, **Steve McIntosh**, and **Carl Schwing**, recommended **Steven Slachta** and **Rex Sims**. They were elected by acclamation to replace retiring trustees **Richard Garner** and **Ed Houck**.

Heber is leaving



It was with heavy heart that **Heber Paulin** announced that he would be leaving the club. He is changing jobs to become president of a medical group in Jacksonville, a position his wife wouldn't let him turn down.

He said, "You have all touched me in ways that you can not imagine. **I was proud** to be part of this club. This was the most active Rotary club I have ever been part of. You all should be proud of what you do here. **It was an honor to part** of this membership. Thanks for all you did for me."

Roger Brunswick Time

Roger started off by levying fines on **Adam Botana** and **Jim Dati** for “Short Jokes” inflicted on him. He fined himself \$2 for “scooting”. (The fine book says \$3, Roger).

Roger introduced former member **Ike Lichtenstein** who will be returning as a member Real Soon Now.



He introduced visitor **Juan Teodoro's** daughter **Lauren** who said “Life is Good”.

Jon McLeod Time

Next President Jon McLeod took over the podium for the Club Assembly.



Jon called **Steve McIntosh** to the front and presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation, suitable for framing, for his work with the EHS Interact Club.

Jon laid out some of the changes in meeting format starting July 12th. Meet and Greet will be at 7:25 am, the meeting will start at 7:30am, and **“Roger will be done”** by 7:55 am.

Wayne Hemstead is resigning as Song Leader. Any volunteers please contact Jon.

Jon announced that all **new member** inductions and **Paul Harris Fellow** awards will be done at Club Assemblies.

He has a goal of 20 new members for next year. He is planning a small Facebook advertising budget and has **Jim Horein, Jim Renfro, and Wayne Hemstead** working on alternative ways to have graduating Rotaractors to become club members in some way they can afford.

Jon is planning two new fund raisers: *99 Bottles of Beer on the Wall* to be raffled at the Reverse Raffle; and *Booze Boat* to be raffled at the Nautical Flea Market.

The Foundation has **approved** the club's \$\$ involvement in the Plant a Tree initiative with the city.

Marjorie Rubacky, Programs

Marjorie Rubacky who does heroic work as Program Committee Chair come forward to discuss next year's programs strategy. The goal is to have programs that **"inform, educate, entertain, and at times challenge."**

There will be one full program about Rotary each month and one 501 (c)3 program monthly. This leaves 2 or 3 weeks for out-of-the-box programs.

Members have reported enjoying the creative programs which sometimes involve controversy. **"We have learned that we have to be very careful with controversy."**

Rotary International requires only that clubs not endorse candidates or take sides on public issues. However, that can be a very fine line to walk when scheduling speakers on current topics.

Marjorie thanked the monthly program chairpersons and asked that anyone contact her with opinions about any program.

Jim Dati, The Foundation

Jim explained the mission of the Foundation, “..is to act as a responsive financial resource for community involvement and assistance. Our intention is to **focus on education** and youth related programs, **assistance** to the needy and under privileged, **helping** local and international victims of natural disasters, and providing **financial assistance** for civic beautification and community relations.”

The Foundation was organized as a 501 (c)3 organization in 1997 and was started with a \$5k donation. Most of the funds have been lateral transfers from the Club to the Foundation with very little direct donation. In 2006, Gerry Myers separated the Club and Foundation directors into separate boards.

The Foundation administers about \$420,000. The Club is now sending about \$40k per year to the Foundation while the Foundation is spending \$60k-75k per year.

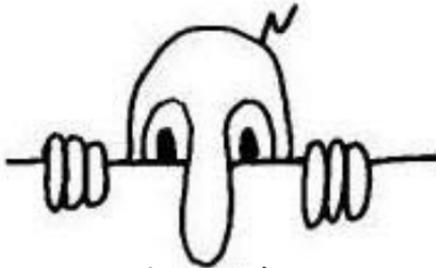
The Foundation donations are about **60% for local efforts** (\$25 for scholarships), **30% for international programs and grants**, and **10% for efforts** like flood relief in West Virginia.

If you have an interest in a particular charity or cause, please contact any member of the board and make a grant request.

Upcoming Events

This Week

**Thomas Hecker
Everglades Wonder Gdn**



50/50 \$500

53 Cards Left

Including 4 Aces, Joker

Visitor Wendy Spivy Drew the Joker for \$2,550



The 50/50 is \$500

Birthdays

Jim Dow (rr) June 30

**Rotary Sings:
The Star Spangled Banner**

Oh, say, can you see,
by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hail'd
at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars,
thro' the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watch'd,
were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare,
the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof thro' the night
that our flag was still there.
O say, does that star-spangled banner
yet wave
O'er the land of the free
and the home of the brave?.

This Morning's Invocation

As we commemorate the courageous Declaration of Independence from which we have benefited, we acknowledge that real freedom is a fundamental spiritual gift to us.

Keep us from interpreting liberty as unrestrained freedom to be irresponsible. Help us to understand and accept responsibility associated with chosen behavior.

Make us zealous to preserve our heritage and our traditions, to value highly the moral and spiritual foundations of our nation, of Rotary International, and our club.

Help us to use our freedom to do good for others rather than for personal gain.

We are grateful for the freedom to assemble without fear, to pursue honorable vocations without hindrances, and to be involved in whatever we choose for our families and ourselves.

Bless the gifts of food and fellowship today, that through both we might be sustained in service. Amen.

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