



The Spoke



August 2nd, 2017

Last Week...4

Bong. The strong right arm of President **Jon McLeod** got the “Meet and Greet” started a 7:25. Ding. The meeting started with **Sara McCallum** courageously reading the invocation from a borrowed iPhone. Guest **Lauren Teodoro** (age 9) led the Pledge of Allegiance and **Jay Berube** recited the Four Way Test flawlessly.

With both the substitute song leader and the weekly song lyrics missing, Jon opted to lead the singing of *God Bless America*, nicely done.



President Jon presented the official President-Elect pin to Next President **Claudie Delgado-Feeney**.

Donna Marcotte announced there will be a **club social** either September 5th or 12th at Momentum Brew House for food, drink, and fellowship. Cost will be \$25/pp.

The second annual Hark Hochstetler Memorial **YMCA** Golf Tournament will be held **Saturday, September 30th**, 7:30am to 1 pm at Vasari.

This charity golf tournament is key to the Bonita Springs YMCA's ability to open its doors to all in our community as proceeds from this tournament directly support the Children and Families Scholarship Program.

Kae Moore urged support for the tournament noting that Hank had been his sponsor to the club.

The Directors have approved a pilot program proposed by **Wayne Hemstead** and **Jim Horein** aimed at getting **graduating Rotaractors** involved in the club. They will be offered membership at \$55/quarter, which is the RI dues, for the first year; RI dues plus 1/2 of the meal charge for the second year. There will be three "testees" in the first year.

District 6960 is hoping to have **100 new Paul Harris Fellowship awards** for the annual TRF dinner in November. Jon wants every member of the club to get a PHF this year. The club will **donate 500 PH** points so a member need only donate \$500 to get a new award.

Roger Brunswick Rambles

“Good Morning, Fellow Rotarians”. He singled out **Lauren Teodoro** to be his fine collector.

Then Roger reviewed the long standing club custom of a **contribution to TRF on your birthday at the rate of a \$/year.** (\$32 on your 32nd birthday). The donation will get you on the way to another PHF award.



DG **Bobbi Bird** presented a **Polio Pete Paddle** to President Jon. PP is the “mascot” for this year. The paddles will be presented to every club in the district and the objective is to spread the word as far as possible. The Sarasota Sunrise club’s Pete is going on a trip to Africa next week.

Mark McCaw contributed a Happy\$, announcing that his son had become engaged.

Mike Poff celebrated receiving his boat captain’s license.



Roger called **Sue Masters** to the front. Sue had volunteered to be the substitute song leader but showed up at her usual, after the bell, hour. She sang a solo rendition of *Sweet Caroline* that was mighty fine. So good, that Roger forgave the late fine.



Rick Barber offered a cash contribution for his by-passed birthday. After consultation with the financial team, it was decided that legal tender could be accepted and a shout-out was done.

Jim Dati said he was celebrating the 33th anniversary of his 26th birthday. Everyone who solved the math problem gave him a shout-out.

Roger says, **Ray Faubion** scooted last week without paying. Ray has confessed and will pay up.

Last Week Program



Kae Moore introduced our speaker, **Gary Price**, who needed no introduction. Gary had 40 years experience in local governments in 1 county and 3 cities. For 21 of those years he was City Manager of Sanibel and then Bonita Springs.

Gary started by offering “Gary’s Fifteen Theorems”. These are wise old sayings authored by others except for #7, “You only have so many arrows in your quiver so do not waste them on meaningless issues.”

He is an able raconteur, but limited his stories to his early years and claiming the “statute of limitations” did not allow him to tell tales about his dealings with the Mayor and Council in Bonita.

Gary points out that local government affects our daily quality of life directly; potholes, drainage problems, trash pickup, mosquitos, ambulance service, etc. are all issues controlled by local governments.

Gary's second job was working for Hillsboro County helping to implement county-wide zoning. On a hot summer night, Gary was giving a presentation in a not air-conditioned hall in Wimauma to a group of tired, hard working locals.

After the meeting, Gary asked his assistant why he didn't come up front with Gary. "They were talking about lynching you and I wanted to be near the door."

Gary told about the Sanibel Council that was anxious to do "something", in this case enact a dog control ordinance.

His position was there was no real need since the local alligators were very effective in controlling the dog population. However, Council adopted the ordinance.

The first dog picked up, \$100 fine, you guessed it, belonged to one of the Councillors.

Gary concluded with this summary of his career, "Some of it was exciting, some of it was disturbing, and frankly I'm glad I'm retired."



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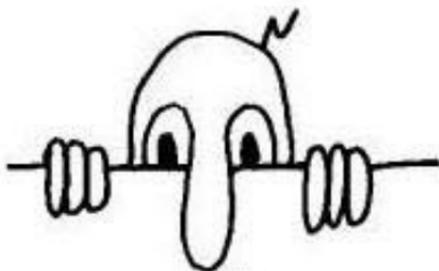
10 Years ago

District Governor **Gary Israel** was the speaker. He asks all of us to make every effort to really have fun and enjoy Rotary by taking advantage of every Fellowship opportunity.

5 Years ago

Ron Anderson offered a report on Gift of Life. Neville and his Mom are scheduled to arrive in Florida on July 30th and visit us at this morning's meeting. His surgery is scheduled in Tampa on August 7th. Thanks to **Jessica** and **Jay Berube** and **Wendy** and **Mike Arsenault** for hosting Neville and his Mom during their visit.

**This Week
Linea McLeod
Certified radKIDS
Instructor**



50/50 \$500

48 Cards Left

Including 4 Aces, Joker

Wayne Neller Drew the Q♥ for \$5



The 50/50 is \$500

Birthdays

John Warfield Aug 2
Steve Krchniak Aug 5

**Rotary Sings:
The Summer Wind**

The summer wind, came blowin' in from across the sea
It lingered there to touch your hair and walk with me

All summer long we sang a song
and then we strolled that golden sand
Two sweethearts and the summer wind

Like painted kites, those days and nights,
they went flyin' by
The world was new beneath a blue umbrella sky
Then softer than a piper man
one day it called to you
I lost you, I lost you to the summer wind

The autumn wind and the winter winds,
they have come and gone
And still the days, those lonely days, they go on and on
And guess who sighs his lullabies
through nights that never end
My fickle friend, the summer wind

This Morning's Invocation

O God, whose summer schedule never includes vacation from your sovereign surveillance over the world, and your merciful vigilance over us in daily life, we are comforted by that knowledge.

Knowing that moral and ethical principles are not seasonal, we pray for strength to implement them in daily life and work.

Help us to review our loyalties and to recommit ourselves to those we know should have high priority .

Grant your blessing to us as we have gratefully partaken of the gift of food and share fully in table fellowship.

Then go with us as we go out to meet the opportunities for service awaiting us in places unknown at the moment. Amen.

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