



The Spoke



August 16th, 2017

**Ana Lopes,
Rotary Youth Exchange Student**



Tom Patricca, is President of the Estero Rotary Club and host for Ana Lopes, a 15 year old, Brazilian RYE student. She is being supported by the four local clubs and will be attending Estero High School as a junior.

GT Tasso happened to sit near Ana and was thrilled to be able to converse with her in their native language. GT was an RYE student from Brazil 40 years ago. He says, "One reason I joined Rotary was to give back for all the experiences Rotary gave me."



Tom Patricca, Ana Lopes, GT Tasso

Ana's father is a Rotarian and her older sister had been an RYE student in Massachusetts. She wants to meet people, travel, and get to know the country. Her host family, "is a really good family. I now have two brothers and one sister."

Ana will be going to Orlando to meet with the Florida RYE kids, 92 kids with 20 different languages. She says she will come back to a club meeting later in the year to give a presentation with pictures when her English improves.

RYE students learn a new language, discover another culture, and truly become global citizens. Exchanges for students 15 to 19 years old are sponsored by Rotary clubs in more than 100 countries.

Room and board are provided, as well as any school fees. Each program varies, but students are usually responsible for round-trip airfare, travel documents, spending money, and any additional travel or tours.

Hosting an exchange student can be incredibly rewarding for your family, bringing an international experience directly into your home. Host families provide room and board and share their lives with exchange students, involving them in family, community, and cultural activities.

As anyone familiar with the Rotary Youth Exchange program knows, exchange students are subject to rules known as the 4 D's:

1. No drinking
2. No drugs
3. No driving
4. No dating

Last Week Meeting ...6

Clink. President Elect Dr. **Claudie** was in charge of the drill today. She started us with the pre-game Meet & Greet at 7:25 and a ding, ding, ding, DING at 7:30. **Joe Murgalo** presented the invocation; **Aiden** and **Dylan** Feeney, Claudie's kids, led the Pledge of Allegiance; and Past President **Don Thomson** recited with Four Way Test.

Sue Masters stepped up to lead the singing of *The Yellow Rose of Texas*. A nice effort by Sue but lacked support.

Roger Brunswick Time

Fair warning. The scheduled speaker was unable to attend and Roger was charged with keeping us involved until the final bell.

Roger started with **Sue Masters**. Sue signed the wrong box on the attendance form, \$3 fine. Then he discovered Sue had not submitted a friend's completed membership application, another \$2.

Roger gave the City Manager a "citizen complaint" about a bump in the pavement in front of **Rex Sims'** ice cream shoppe. (No fine. "I might need a favor from city hall later.")

Bob Lombardo's guest, **Brian Bailey**, is Chief of Operations at Context Media Development. Brian is a seasoned photographer raised on fine arts in family of artists. His work has been focused on architectural photography for 15 years, and before moving to Florida he was one of the most sought-after Real Estate photographers in the Northeast.

Birthday girl, **Wendy Arsenault**, reported that son Ben told her, "you still look 47!".



Roger managed to organize a *Happy Birthday to You* serenade to Wendy, **Eileen Tasso**, and **Steve Krchniak**. Steve skillfully conducted the singing which turned out very well.

Happy\$

Ray Faubion talked about his family's satisfying experiences acting as Rotary Youth Exchange hosts. Twelve years ago, they hosted a Swiss girl. Since then, her parents have emigrated to the U.S., and the girl received her PhD from Pitt. Ray was delighted to walk her down the aisle at her recent wedding in Myrtle Beach.

Many of us remember, Philip, another of Ray's RYE guests. He stays in touch with the Faubions and visits occasionally.

DG **Bobbi Bird** told us she had 16 chairpersons of youth related activities at a recent meeting. This year there are 6 inbound exchange students. So far there are 16 applications for outbound exchangers next year. "That's awesome!"

Sue Masters had hosted RYE'rs from France and Denmark. "They just become part of your family...I had something else but I forgot."

Claudie gave up a Happy\$ for "the last day of summer vacation. School starts tomorrow."

Carl Schwing offered a Happy\$ for a successful 40th anniversary vacation trip to Alaska.



Donna Marcotte announced the next social will be **Tuesday, September 12th**, 5pm at Momentum Brewhouse. There will be hors d'oeuvres, fellowship, and a drink ticket. \$25/pp.

From: *The Spoke* archives:

10 Years ago

The Back to School **Shots for Tots** clinic last Tuesday evening was the most successful in several years. An estimated 150 immunizations were administered to seventy-four children.

This program, now in its 13th year is a joint effort of our club in cooperation with the First Presbyterian Church and the Lee County Health Department. Since its beginning in January 1995, approximately 11,500 immunizations against childhood disease have been given to help protect the health of children in our area.

4 Years ago

Peter Zahner reported that **Jasmin Mann** and **Claudie Feeney** had completed the club's requirements and presented them with their blue membership badges. Sandy inducted **Scott Gerrish** to active membership in the club as a transferring Rotarian. He was sponsored by **Nancy Ross** and **Jim Friedgen**.

This Week

**Ita Neymotin. Atty who is
a political refuge from
Soviet Union**



50/50 \$500

46 Cards Left

Including 3 Aces, Joker

**Carl Nickel drew the
9♥ for \$5**



The 50/50 is \$500

Birthdays

**Ike Lichtenstein Aug 13
Dale Timple Aug 16**

Rotary Sings:
When Johnny Comes Marching

When Johnny comes marching home again,

Hurrah, hurrah!

We'll give him a hearty welcome then,

Hurrah, hurrah!

The men will cheer, the boys will shout,

The ladies they will all turn out,

And we'll all feel gay,

When Johnny comes marching home.

This Morning's Invocation

O God, we come humbly into your presence by this avenue of prayer, expressing both our gratitude for gifts received, and our yearnings to be used as gifts to others.

To that end, grant us visions of service yet unrendered, an awareness of goals yet unattained and hopes yet unrealized.

Give us zeal and power to bring to reality the good and worthy things waiting to be done, and confirm our efforts by your assistance without which we labor in vain.

Strengthen us now by food prepared and enjoyed.

Enlighten us through productive conversations, and go with us as we return to waiting opportunities to make the day better for others.
Amen.

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