



# The Spoke



August 30th, 2017

## Polio Pete



DG **Bobbi Bird** introduced us to Polio Pete, a penguin stuffed animal that is the District mascot shown here being interrogated by Roger Brunswick.

Each club in the district will have one. This Pete has just returned from Las Vegas. Apparently, his lack of a Poker Face limited his success at the tables.

One of Pete's cousins is now visiting Nigeria. Going on a trip? Take Pete along.

Since 1985 Rotary has led the battle against polio, and kept the pressure on as worldwide cases plummeted from 350,000 per year to several hundred.

When India went off the list of endemic countries in 2012, we took one more step toward eradicating a human disease from the earth for only the second time in history.

Now, Rotary and its partners are "This || Close" to making that dream a reality.

However, completing the job will not be easy. Rotary committed to raise \$50 million per year over the next three years, with every dollar to be matched with two additional dollars from the Gates Foundation.

Polio Pete's job is to keep the need for support fresh in our minds.

## **Last Week...8**

We started with Meet and Greet, then, Ding. President **Jon McLeod** was on tap. **Wayne Neller** presented the invocation; **Roger Brunswick** led the Pledge of Allegiance; and new member **Wendy Spivy** hesitated her way through the Four Way Test.

We skipped singing since there was no volunteer song leader. Jon avows we will sing *God Bless America* each meeting until someone steps up to be song leader.

## **Golf opportunities**

**Mark McCaw** says there will be three more Saturday events before November 1st on the “McCaw” tour. Contact Mark if you are interested.

The **Estero** Rotary Club’s tournament will be **Saturday, September 23rd at Vasari**. \$125 includes lunch.

**Vince Modarelli** pitched the **LaBelle** Rotary Club’s fundraiser golf tournament scheduled for **Thursday, October 5th**. \$90 includes dinner. Vince is trying to get a foursome together.

## **Paul Harris Fellowships**

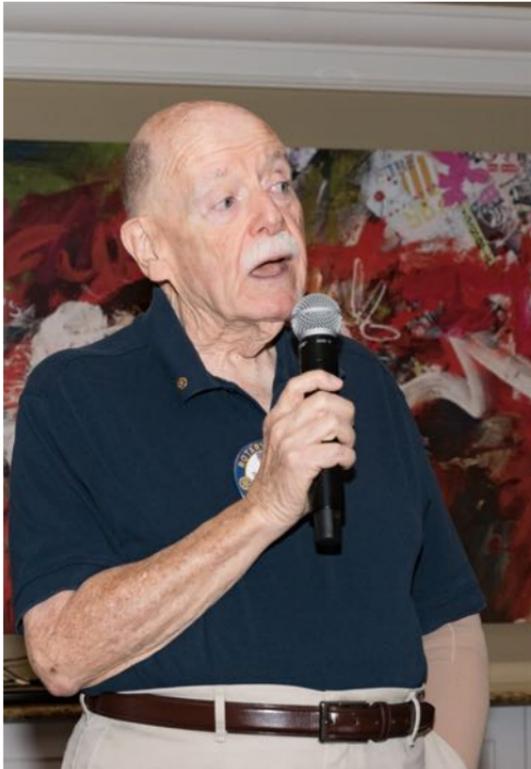
There is a considerable push on to get PHF awards. Jon promises to announce “**deep discounts**” at the next meeting and urges getting honorary PHFs in name of family or community members who should be honored. Talk to Jon, Bobbi, or Wayne for details.

## Jon McLeod Awards

Jon awarded **Ike Lichtenstein** the “freedom from fines for the rest of the year” award for volunteering to be co-chair of the Christmas Tree Sales.

**Sue Masters** got a similar award, “except for late fines”, for having sponsored the most new members over the last 18 months.

### **Tom Burgess, Rotaract**



**Tom Burgess** rose to report how his work with the Rotaractor’s had affected him. In 2009, **Steve McIntosh** issued a call for help in reviving the moribund Rotaract Club at FGCU. This is the 9th year and the club is going strong and is being supported by Tom and co-chairman, **Wayne Hemstead**.

## Rotaract President



This year's club president is **Kristen Duguay**, Len Eckert's daughter now a senior at FGCU. The annual "tabling" where students learn about and sign up for various club activities is going on now.

Tom says, "It has been very rewarding being involved with these kids. I have really enjoyed it. It makes me feel a lot younger."

He said now is the time to sign up Rotaractors help with our events. They have many opportunities and get committed early.

## Roger Brunswick time



“Is it something I said or is the crowd getting smaller and smaller?”



Roger welcomed **Jim Renfro** who has returned from his annual summer in Sweden.

**Donna Marcotte** volunteered to take over the Rotary Regular Program.

**Steve McIntosh** gave a Happy\$ for his upcoming 50th wedding anniversary and trip to California.

**Bobbi Bird** gave 5 Happy\$ because, “I’m never short of words.” She claims to be practicing to be a PDG as PDG’s “never stop talking.” She also celebrated both of her sons’ birthdays this week.



Bobbi spoke about the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards program. It “**turns shy little kids into believers**”.

She says, “There can’t be any doubt in anyone’s mind that what we do as a club as Rotarians makes a difference.”

Bobbi then conducted a Trivia Challenge Contest with each table competing. The questions were about Rotary and Foundation history. **Wayne Hemstead** led his table to a run-away victory.

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10 Years ago

**Ira Hawk Wins \$1,584**

Hooray for Ira Hawk. He pulled the joker out of the 34 remaining cards and is the big winner.

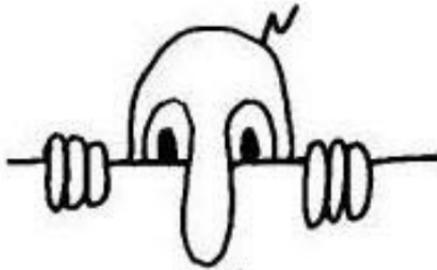
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**Spear Pays Record Fine**

For organizing the “Call In Honeymoon Interruptus” of the **Glenda and George Cohan** wedding, **John Spear** paid a **\$136 fine**. Unfortunately it was not *Beneficial to All Concerned*, since the money was used to buy a round of drinks for a few lucky attendees at the recent Installation Banquet.

# This Week

**John Spear, David Hengel.  
Early days of development  
here**



50/50 \$500

44 Cards Left

Including 3 Aces, Joker

**Eileen Tasso drew the  
4♦ for \$5**



**The 50/50 is \$500**

***Birthdays***

**Joe Murgalo Aug 27**

**Rotary Sings:**  
**I've Been Working on the Railroad**

I've been workin' on the railroad  
All the live-long day.  
I've been workin' on the railroad  
Just to pass the time away.  
Can't you hear the whistle blowin'  
Rise up so early in the morn.  
Can't you hear the captain shouting,  
Dinah, blow your horn!  
Dinah, won't you blow,  
Dinah, won't you blow,  
Dinah, won't you blow your horn!  
Dinah, won't you blow,  
Dinah, won't you blow,  
Dinah, won't you blow your horn

Someone's in the kitchen with Dinah,  
Someone's in the kitchen I know,  
Someone's in the kitchen with Dinah,  
Strummin' on the old banjo.

## **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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MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE**

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