



# The Spoke

May 18, 2016



..At the District Conference



President Tom Briers accepted the Governor's Award with Distinction and a Governor's Award "Fellowship of the Wheel-chair Club".



And Nancy Ross was presented with a Governor's Appreciation Award for her work district-wide on the Josh-the-Otter program.



Future District Governors Sandy Hemstead and Bobbi Bird were on the podium and they hob-nobbed with the “suits”.





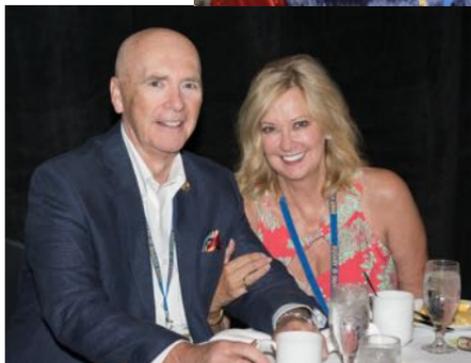
Club President Tom Briers presided at the Saturday morning breakfast “hosted” by our club.



Scott Gerrish and Bob Lombardo received Honorable Mention certificates from the Governor for their work.



Tom Briers with Kathy Collingsworth, Josh, Blake Collingsworth, and Nancy Ross.



## LAST MEETING



President Tom Briers brought Dave Langendorfer(rr) to the podium and presented him with the 2015-16 Herb Barnes Heart of Rotary Award given annually to a Rotary Regular. Tom noted, "Dave has participated in every event that we have had that he has been available for

including driving our Exchange Student to Fort Lauderdale at 2 AM so she could catch a flight." This year's award was a clock with a weather station.



Sandy Hemstead introduced her houseguest Susanne Rea, a Rotary VIP, founder of the 'Greatest Meal' project which has raised almost \$6 million for End Polio Now. Susanne has been traveling the world speaking about eradicating polio. Last year she visited

23 countries and plans to visit 19 this year.

Susanne reported this year we are "doing fantastically well" with only 12 cases of polio reported world wide. She says more than 150,000 Rotarians in 71 countries have joined in the World's Greatest Meal which was started as a one-club project. Sandy volunteered a contribution so that the meeting became a World's Greatest Meal event.

President Tom Briers presided. Week 46. Mark Generales presented the invocation; George Cohan led the Pledge of Allegiance; and Don Manley guided us through the Four Way Test. Ron Anderson led the singing of a rather well done rendition of *Are You Sleeping*.



Joe Murgalo reported on his daughter's graduation from College of Charlestown. Mark Generales remarked on the unusual graduation vestments, white ties and tails for men, white dresses for the women. Makes for a beautiful, outdoor ceremony.

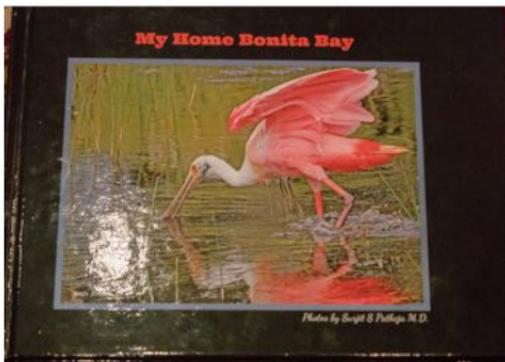
Peter O'Flinn reported that his wife, Katie, has a health issue which will take 2 to 4 months to cure. During that time he will be taking a leave of absence in order to help out.

Tom announced that the "I like Me", book distribution and reading to kindergartners at the Bonita Charter School will be Thursday, May 19th, 9 - 10 AM. Contact Steve McIntosh if you can help out.

There is an upcoming election of Foundation directors. The nominating committee is Sandy Hemstead, Bob Lombardo, and Wendy Arsenault. Please contact one of them if you are interested in serving.



A Bonita Bay resident, Dr. Surjit Patheja MD, was formerly a Rotarian in Valparaiso, In. There, he had published a coffee table picture book of local photos and donated the books to the Rotary to sell as a fund raiser.



He is offering a similar project to us starting with a volume of bird photos taken in Bonita Bay. There would be no cost to the club for the books, "that is my contribution to Rotary Service to raise funds for the Foundation."

### Students/Faculty of the Month

Steve Slachta introduced the students and faculty of the month. Service Student of the Month, Ruby Romero, is involved with the Interact Club and Key Club. "She always is the first person to volunteer for projects-she always says 'I just like to volunteer'". The Academic Student of the Month is Savannah Campbell, a senior with a 4.96 GPA and plans to attend FGCU. She is an Estero High School cheerleader as well as a competitive cheer leader for Top Gun.



**Mom Romero, Ruby Romero, Savannah Campbell, Mom Campbell**

### This Week Program

Karen Kayser Benson's professional career spans over 25 years of experience in the entertainment industry as a talent agent, an actress, a casting director, a personal manager and an audition coach. She spent 15 years as casting director for the prestigious Steve & Linda Horn Productions in New York working directly with Steve Horn. Horn was named the best commercials director of the year by "Advertising Age" in 1985.

## Vocational Service Moment



Dr. Brian Olitsky, DMD stepped up to present his Vocational Service Moment complete with slides of before and after photos of some of his work. He is his family's third generation dentist to earn his doctoral degree from Temple University School of Dentistry in Philadelphia. He is passionate about providing the very latest in Aesthetic dentistry.

Brian says, "I have developed systems that allow me to work on a majority of your teeth in one appointment. My passion is treating smiles, giving people a reason to smile and have more self confidence. I love doing it. If you know anyone I can help, send them to me."

He is currently the President of The Florida Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry, an exclusive organization and largest affiliate to the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry. Brian has established himself as "The Smile Design Doc" the premier destination for aesthetic dentistry and full mouth rehabilitation.

When not pursuing his passion of creating stunning smiles, Brian enjoys spending time with his wife Erin and their two children, Jared and Jordan, who are “My reason for being.”

He also enjoys competing in Ironman triathlons throughout the county, running marathons and ultra distance marathons, paddle boarding and flying. Brian is the chairman of the club’s StarSpangled 5k 4th of July run.

## Last Week Speaker



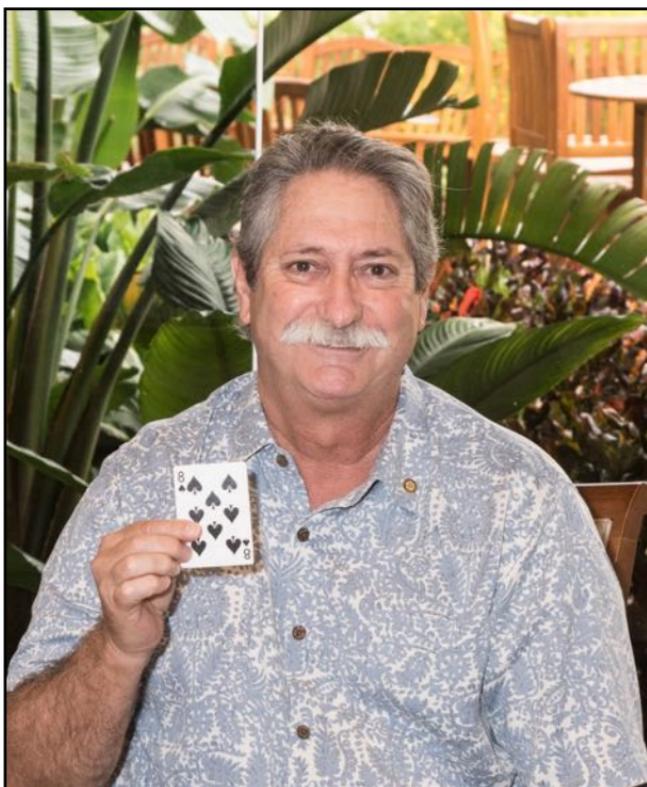
Donna Flammang introduced our speaker, Tim Tetzlaff, Director of Conservation at the Naples Zoo. Tim coordinates Naples Zoo’s regional and international conservation efforts.

As the son of Zoo Founders Jungle Larry and Safari Jane, Tim has built a life on communicating the wonders of the animal kingdom.

Tim’s message is simple, “The best thing for wildlife and the best thing for people in the long run will be the same thing. This is based on two principles: We are called to love our fellow man and we are called to be good stewards.

“When we are doing conservation programs, we are looking for projects that benefit both the people and wildlife. At the Naples Zoo we spent more that \$500,000 in field conservation helping animals in the wild, not just the zoo animals. The projects ranged from giant anteaters in Brazil to Florida panthers.”

A Happy John Mathes drew  
the 8♠ to win \$5



The 50/50 is \$1,130

*Birthdays*

**None in data base**

**Rotary Sings:  
Anchors Aweigh**

**Anchors Aweigh, my boys, Anchors Aweigh!**

**Farewell to Foreign Shores,  
we sail at break of day-ay-ay-ay;  
Through our last night on shore,  
drink to the foam,  
Until we meet once more,  
here's wishing you a happy  
voyage home!!**

**This Morning's Invocation**

Dear God, we ask for wisdom and strength not our own in order to make our citizenship and our professional endeavors worthy examples of life lived with integrity and compassion.

We intercede for members of this and other clubs who are experiencing adversity of any kind. Sustain them by Your grace and power. May they be uplifted and encouraged by the support of their colleagues and friends.

We offer thanks for food awaiting our enjoyment in the context of purposeful friendship. For the happy privilege of just being here, we are grateful.

In the spirit, as well as with words of gratitude, we offer this prayer. Amen.