



Last Week

President **Claudie Delgado** presided. **Rob Cooper** presented the invocation; **Roger Brunswick** led the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Frank Mazzeo** sped us through the Four Way Test.

New Member



We welcomed **Steven Kissinger** with the classification of Non Profit Administrator. Steve was sponsored by **Bobbi Bird** and his wife, Past President **Stephanie Kissinger**. Steve is now COO at *Meals of Hope*. He had previously served as Executive Director of the Immokalee Foundation for 4 years and is a Trustee of CREW Land & Water Trust.

As part of Steve's induction ceremony, Stephanie read a letter of recommendation written by Bobbi Bird, "Steven will bring excellent ideas and energy to our club and I know you will enjoy his company as much as I have over the years."

Claudie read a thank you for our participation in a water project in Peru. "On behalf of the women who no longer walk miles for dirty water; fathers who are now healthy and working; and children who can go to school without water borne diseases, thank you."

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.

Adam Botana, chair of the Reverse Raffle, thanked all who contributed and helped to make the Derby themed event successful. The \$15,000 first prize was split by Ray Ritenour and Sherry Botana.

Chris Riesen reminded us of the upcoming installation banquet on June 22. Payments may be made at the club's website.

Dave Shellenbarger reported on on-going efforts to pre-sell Poinsettias to potential large customers such as high rise buildings, clubs, and offices.

This Week's Program:
Sheriff Carmine Marceno

Song: Margaritaville

Nibblin' on sponge cake
Watchin' the sun bake

All of those tourists covered with oil
Strummin' my six string - on my front porch swing
Smell those shrimp they're beginnin' to boil

Wastin' away again in Margaritaville
Searchin' for my long lost shaker of salt (salt-salt-salt)

Some people claim that there's a woman to blame
But I know - it's nobody's fault

Don't know the reason
Stayed here all season
Nothing to show but this brand new tattoo
But it's a real beauty
A Mexican cutie
How it got here I haven't a clue

Wastin' away again in Margaritaville
Searchin' for my lost shaker of salt (salt-salt-salt)
Some people claim that there's a woman to blame
Now I think hell - it could be my fault
I blew out my flip flop
Stepped on a pop top
Cut my heel had to cruise on back home
But there's booze in the blender
And soon it will render
That frozen concoction that helps me hang on

Wastin' away again in Margaritaville
Searchin' for my lost shaker of salt (salt - salt - salt)
Some people claim that there's a woman to blame
But I know - it's my own damn fault -
Yes and some people claim that there's a woman to blame
And I know - it's my own damn fault . . .



The newly formed "**Graceland Trio**", **Chris Riesen**, **Dave Shellenbarger**, and **Mark Generales** stepped forward to lead us in singing "*I Can't Help Falling In Love With You*". It was a surprisingly good performance. [Digital copies are available for \$99.95].

Vince Modarelli's son was awarded the "Scholar -Athlete of the Year Award" at EHS. When Vince congratulated him, the son said, "Dad, [it's no big deal] this is only for the Smartest of the Meatheads."



Adam Botana with his 50/50 advisor **Kae Moore** drew the 10 of ♠️
The 50/50 is thought to be **\$950±**

Upcoming Programs

- May 22, Club Assembly: "The Foundation of Our Club"
- May 29, Habitat for Humanity Lee and Hendry Counties: "Disaster Recovery Project Completion Report"
- June 5- Stefan Gehrold "The European Elections - results and consequences with regard to the transatlantic partnership".
- June 6, Club Social at Trianon.
- June 22, Annual Installation Banquet, Barefoot Beach Country Club

Birthdays (May 12-May 18)

Gordon Costley May 12

Chris Reisen May 12

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Joe Murgalo went to Gainesville for his youngest daughter's UF graduation. He's not off the hook yet as she is continuing for a master's degree at George Washington University.

Sergeant-at-arms **Roger Brunswick** introduced guests and collected Happy/Sad \$. He then organized an "All senior citizens" choir to sing Happy Birthday to Past President **Gerry Myers**.

Speakers Assembly



Don Thomson, President, and **Arden McCurdy**, Executive Director, of The Speakers Assembly of Southwest Florida were our speakers Wednesday. Don told us about the history of the Assembly and mission which is to foster an informed membership by presenting by bringing world class speakers who ENLIGHTEN, EDUCATE, and ENTERTAIN. Arden told us about upcoming programs and how to join. The web site is:

<http://www.speakersassembly.com>

7 Years ago

George Cohan railed about The Spoke editor's characterization of his solo for **John Spear** as "surprisingly good". [Apparently he didn't understand how low were our expectations. ed] This week's singing was done by the newly formed "Professional" Chorus made up of members who sing in choirs, etc. The rendition of Happy Birthday for **Gerry Myers** conducted by **Steve Krchniak** was greeted with "Dang good job! Seventy Six Dollars Please".

The Four Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do.

Is it the **TRUTH**?

Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?

Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?

Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

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