



The Spoke



President Bob thanked all who have served on this Veterans' Day. Duke D. read the Invocation. Rex S. lead us in The Pledge of Allegiance. Thanks to all who stood for the colors of our great land. Steve S. did The Four Way Test. Mark G. cued up the song with bagpipes playing Amazing Grace. The Editor had some difficulty with her allergies during this song. Other members did as well.

Chris R. talked about wheelchairs and said all commitments were fulfilled. He didn't think we could do it but we did!

Mike P. updated the Club on Poinsettias—we need \$3,000—\$4,000 in sales to equal last year! Mike had a unique sales idea—give some flowers to the men in your life! After all, men never get flowers!

President Bob reminded us all that we made a commitment to do Christmas Tree Sales. Members wanted to continue with this long time fundraising project—now we need volunteers to continue!

Diane Ewing came up with the idea to do an Angel Tree at Christmas. Details will follow.

Nancy R. announced she was back after having Covid and thanked everyone for their kind words!

Representative Botana filled in as Sgt. At Arms. President Bob just wanted us all to pay it forward for his birthday. For Happy Sad Dollars, Adam had the first sad dollar that Mark G. is his new neighbor at his district office! Nanci L. had a Happy Dollar about her great nephew's upcoming Bar Mitzvah— he is named after a family member who was a Holocaust survivor.



Julian Morgan, joined us for fellowship and then gave a presentation on The Immokalee Foundation.

This Week's Program:
 Scott Anderson, Sustainable Building and

This Morning's Invocation
 Good and Gracious God, in this season of Thanksgiving, we pause to reflect upon what life would be like were it not for Your immeasurable love, grace, and generosity. We give thanks for life itself, for minds to use in creative ways, and for hearts which generate compassion and love. We are grateful for the capacity to worship, to work, and to use those gifts to bring honor and glory to Your name. As we share today the material gift of food in the context of meaningful relationships, we are grateful for the spiritual realities of life which supersede the material, giving satisfaction to the soul. With thankful hearts, we pray. Amen.



Frank Sinatra sings
 Send in The Clowns

Isn't it rich, are we a pair
 Me here at last on the ground,
 and you in mid-air
 Send in the clowns

Isn't it bliss, don't you approve
 One who keeps tearing around, and one who
 can't move
 But where are the clowns, send in the clowns

Just when I stopped opening doors
 Finally finding the one that I wanted, was yours
 Making my entrance again with my usual flair
 Sure of my lines, nobody's there

Don't you love a farce, my fault I fear
 I thought that you'd want what I want, sorry my
 dear
 But where are the clowns, send in the clowns
 Don't bother, they're here

Isn't it rich, isn't it queer
 Losing my timing this late in my career
 But where are the clowns, send in the clowns
 Well maybe next year

Notable Notes

3 Years ago

Don Manley, poster old-guy for Service Above Self, told us he is competing in a 24 hour, *Tough Mudder* event this weekend. He has been competing to benefit the Wheelchair Foundation this year, donating a wheelchair for each mile he makes. So far he is up to 50 wheel-chairs. "Regardless of the outcome this week, we are committed to donating 100 wheelchair this year."

12 Years ago

President-elect **Nancy Ross** presided. **Doug Pratt** delivered the invocation. **Don Manley** led the Pledge of Allegiance and **Jim Friedgen** led the 4 Way Test. **Steve Krchniak**, directed a rousing rendition of *When You're Smiling*. Congratulations to **Bobbie Bird**, **Sue Masters**, **Jim O'Leary** and **Lori Nelson** of the Noon Club as they receive their certificates of completion for the Rotary Sunshine Division Leadership Institute held Saturday, November 8 at the Charlotte Cultural Center. Thanks for your dedication and commitment to Rotary.



The **4-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?



Upcoming Programs

11/25—Rose Bartlett, BSU

11/26—**Thanksgiving!**

11/27—**Christmas Tree Sales begin!**

12/2—Dr Steven Goldberg, Ortho Surgeon who created a new shoulder replacement

12/3—December Social

12/9—Adam Botana Tallahassee update

12/16—Military Speaker/Presentation

Birthdays (Nov 15 - Nov 21)

Dan Maher (rr), Nov 17

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Christmas Tree Tent Sponsorships

Garland - \$250, 1 large tree, 2 poinsettias, your logo on a display board at the tent, on social media, and on our Club Website.

Tinsel - \$150, 2 poinsettias, your logo on a display board at the tent, on social media, and on our Club Website.

Holly - \$100, your logo on a display board at the tent, on social media, and on our Club Website.

Contact Donna Marcotte for your sponsorship. Thank you in advance for your support of our Rotary Club.

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