

Anthony Scrocco, CPA and Financial Advisor

Anthony Scrocco presented his vocational service moment. He has been in the club since 2011. He is a Certified Public Accountant and Financial Advisor in the Naples, Florida office of HBKS Wealth Advisors.

He began his professional career as a CPA with Hill, Barth & King LLC in December 2004, working first in the Boardman, Ohio office and then transferring to the Naples office in 2006. His CPA experience includes accounting, auditing, and taxation matters with small business clients from a myriad of industries.

While with HBK, he worked with many individual high net worth clients, as well. Anthony transitioned to HBKS in September 2013.

As a member of the financial services team, Mr. Scrocco works closely with team

members, servicing client relationships, and providing asset management and technical expertise to the team through his CPA experience. He is also involved with several practice development and expansion initiatives for the firm.

An honors' graduate of Youngstown State University, Mr. Scrocco earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting and Business Administration in 2004. He is a member of American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Mr. Scrocco makes his home in Estero with his wife Corinne and their daughter, Sienna and son, Drew, born January 10th.

He says, "It is humbling to see the amount of time and treasure that is donated by the individuals of the club and it's a privilege to be part of it."



LAST MEETING

President **Tom Briers** presided. Week 31. **Sara McCallum** presented the invocation; **George Cohan** led the Pledge of Allegiance; **Dale Timple** stumbled through the Four-Way Test. **Ron Anderson** led the singing of *Yellow Submarine*.

Tom announced the passing of Past President **Harvey Humphrey**. He had joined the club in 1990. His son, Mark Humphrey, is also a Past President of the club.

Claudie gets the nod

There was a short business meeting. **Claudie Delgado-Feeney** was elected to be Secretary 2016-17; **Bob Lombardo**, **Gary Price**, and **Kae Moore** directors 2016-2019; and **Adam Botana** to take Claudie's place as director for 2015-2018.

Student of the Month



President Tom Briers presents the academic student of the month award to **Viri Mendez** as her parents watch. Viri hopes to become a pediatrician.

Steve Slachta introduced the students and faculty of the month from Estero High School.

There will be an **RLI session in Port Charlotte** Saturday, February 20th. Club will pay the fees. Please contact President Tom if you are interested in learning more about Rotary.

Membership Drive Meeting

On February 17th, we will have a distinguished panel to discuss "Water and Florida". That will also be a **Membership Drive** meeting. **Bring a prospect**. Tom is hoping 150 members, guests, and prospective members will come. This is a hot topic and a good subject to interest prospects.

Mark Generales distributed flyers about the **Nautical Flea Market** at Lovers Key on March 18, 19, 20. There are 6 boat dealers signed up and Fitzgerald's will do the food. Mark anticipates that a large group of Rotarians will be needed to volunteer to help out.

Chuck Spears announced the **Brooks Heart Walk** Saturday, February 6th. There will be 1 and 3 mile walks on closed roadways. All proceeds will go to the American Heart Association for research. Contact Chuck to pledge or sign-up.

Roger Brunswick introduced new Rotary Regulars **Steve Cobb** and **Joe Yard**. Rotary Regular Day will be March 30th.

George Cohan was Sergeant-at-arms. He introduced guests and visitors and organized a \$65 shout out to celebrate **Mike Poff's** birthday.

LAST WEEK SPEAKER

Carl Schwing introduced our speaker, Mayor **Ben Nelson**. Ben has been in public office for 16 years, serving two terms as



councilor and 2 terms as mayor. Carl says that since Ben didn't vote for incorporation of the city in 2000, "they made him mayor." Carl further says, "I have worked 14 different mayors in my 34 years of municipal work and Ben is the best of all of them."

Ben says, "I ran for city council because I thought this may be something I can contribute to, maybe I can become part of something bigger than myself."

He told us that it is difficult to balance business, family, and being mayor. "You're the mayor all the time. At the movie, in the grocery store, at home when the phone rings."

Ben describes the biggest challenge facing the city is the attitude that, "We don't want any more people here. People move in and expect Bonita to stay just like it was when they moved in. We can't advertise that we live in paradise and then be surprised when other people say they want to come here.

"If we can allow ourselves to recognize that more people will come here, we will do the smart things that will make the process as painless as possible for the rest of us."

THIS WEEK SPEAKER

Jim Graham
The Legacy of Qudrat

In February 2005, a little baby became big news in Indianapolis. The 14-month-old boy, Qudrat, was flown from Afghanistan to Indiana for life-saving surgery. His heart was not working properly. Indiana doctors fixed it.

Qudrat, who had virtually no motor skills, little strength and weighed ten pounds before surgery, gained nine pounds and became a strong little boy after the procedure.

Sadly, when Qudrat and his father Hakim Wardak, returned to their home country in April 2005, there was an unexpected and heart-wrenching turn of events. Qudrat died suddenly. The cause of death was never determined. Roberta and Jim Graham took the news hard because Qudrat and his father had lived in their Brownsburg home for three weeks before returning to Afghanistan.



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Sergeant-at-Arms	George M. Cohan III

Wide-Eyed Dale Timple drew the 6♥ to win \$5



The 50/50 is \$500

The 4-Way Test
of 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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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 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. Fee-fi-fiddle-dee-i-o, Fee-fi-fiddle-dee-i-o, Fee-fi-fiddle-dee-i-o, Strummin' on the old banjo
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Birthdays

Drew Clark	Feb 3
Jon Shaw	Feb 6
Kanema Clark	Feb 7
Gary Price	Feb 9

This Morning's Invocation

Gracious God, as we unite in prayer, we give thanks for the spiritual dimension of human existence in which we find help and hope amid the secular realities which make insistent claims upon our time and effort. Having retreated from those pressures for this time of renewed fellowship with friends, we pray that you will grace our gathering with your presence.

In this anniversary month of Rotary's founding we give thanks for Paul Harris and others who established the organization in which we are privileged to be.

Help us to be faithful to our heritage by being responsive to the needs of others. Accept now our thanks for all earthly provisions for our needs, and for spiritual resources to pursue opportunities to serve others. Amen.