



The Spoke

May 11, 2016



Reverse Raffle



Dave Langendorfer, George Cohan, and Bobbi Bird picking losers



..Some more Paul Harris Awards



Sara McCallum presented Paul Harris Awards to Jonathon Shaw, Adam Botana, Jim Dati, Stephanie Kissinger, Ron Anderson, Susan Hill, Roger Brunswick, Marjorie Rubacky, and Jon McLeod. Not present to receive their awards were Gary Murphy, Mike O'Dell, Greg Holtz, and Paul Warfield.

..A summer-like crowd



Last Meeting

President Tom Briers presided for most of the meeting. Week 45. Next President Steve Slachta did the ending ceremonies. Chuck Spears presented the invocation; Roger Brunswick led the Pledge of Allegiance; and new member, Wayne Neller read the Four-Way Test perfectly.

Song leader Ron Anderson apologized to the ladies for last week's fiasco, "I just assumed all of you knew 'Over the Rainbow', obviously I was wrong." Then Ron led the singing of *I'm Looking Over a Four Leaf Clover*.

Joys

Nancy Ross happily reported her 32nd anniversary of working for Northwestern Mutual. Rex Sims announced Heaven Scent Flowers has been open for 31 years. Ray Faubion says his son has graduated, found a job, and will be off Ray's payroll. Gary Price's grandson has graduated from Florida Technical Institute.

Announcements

The Reverse Raffle was sold out by the start of the party. Morgan Eldridge \$3k, Marjorie Rubacky \$4k, and Ira Hawk \$6k were three of the four winners. George's Last Stand was a wonderful evening for all.

Mark McCaw announced the start of the Saturday Golf season will be May 21st at Shadow Wood. Please contact Mark for more information.

President Tom thanked new member, Wayne Neller, for offering storage space at the Community Congregational Church for assembling the items needed for the District Conference Breakfast, Saturday, May 14th.

Bob Lombardo announced that Carl Nickel is retiring from his Front Desk position in August. Bob is looking for help manning the desk on June 1st and the July meetings.

District Conference Notes

Tom also reported that Bob Lombardo and Scott Gerrish will receive District awards at the Friday morning breakfast and Nancy Ross will be awarded a District Governor's Appreciation Award at the Friday night dinner for her lead in the Josh-the-Otter campaign. Nancy is looking for help manning the Josh table at the conference. Stephanie Kissinger asks everyone to visit the House of Friendship table at the conference.

We will be the host club for the Saturday morning breakfast. Tom will chair the meeting. Bobbi Bird will be designated District Governor Elect. You can sign up for the breakfast only.

Roger Brunswick Time

Tom tried to skip over the introduction of visitors and fining. Acting Sergeant-at-Arms Roger Brunswick protested and promptly fined Tom \$5. Roger then managed to introduce our visitors.

Last Week Program



Amy Garrard is a shareholder in GrayRobinson's Naples office and practices primarily in the area of Labor and Employment Law. She came to describe The Memory Network project she is developing to aid Alzheimer's patients, families, and caregivers.

She became involved because, as an only child of older parents, she had a lot of experience as a caregiver. She found herself "sandwiched between job and caregiver responsibilities." Now she is working to have a TV network aimed at people who may have memory impairment.

Vocational Service Moment



Stephanie Kissinger went to high school in Dallas, Tex and then graduated from the University of Montana in Bozeman. Following that she went to Key West in 1997 “with a guy who was my practice husband.” She helped him in the family’s commercial fishing business for a couple of years before deciding, “it just wasn’t as glamorous as it sounds.”

She moved to SWFL in 1999 and met Steven, her now “awesome” husband of 11 years. They have lived in Bonita Springs for 8 years and have no children and

no pets.

Stephanie worked at increasingly responsible positions at the Florida Department of Children and Families for 8 years, was Executive Vice President of the Chamber for 5 years, and in 2011 joined Waste Management. She is currently Governmental Affairs Manager for SWFL, responsible for \$90 million of municipal and county business in Collier, Lee, Charlotte, and Sarasota Counties.

She is Past President of the club, 2012-13, now serves on the Foundation Board, and works on the Estero High School awards with Steve Slachta. She says, "I am a spiritual person, but I don't go to church, so Rotary kinda became that for me. I realized it when it just happened, Rotary become my second family and my church. I love coming here."

This Week..The Naples Zoo

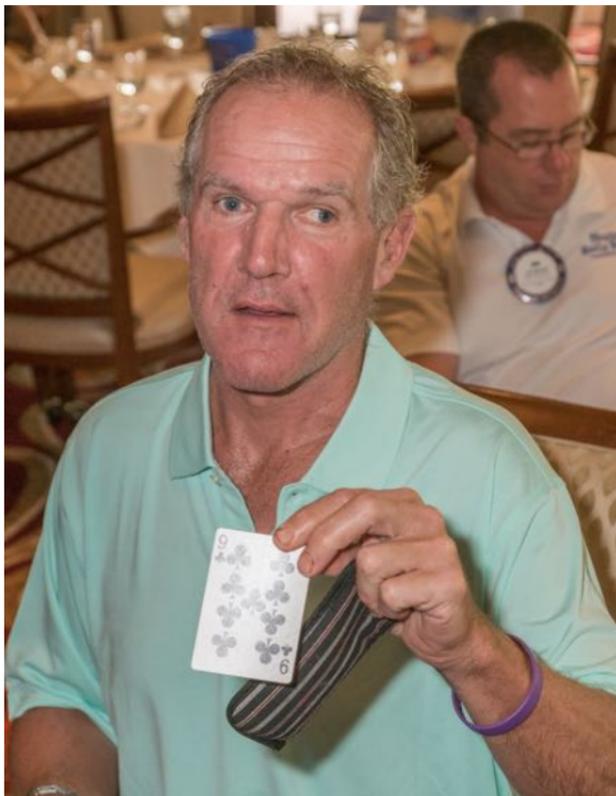
Jack Mulvena President and CEO of the Naples Zoo will be our speaker. He knows from experience how to sustain the highest standards of animal care, offer compelling experiences to zoo guests, and create a professional working environment that attracts the top talent in the zoo profession.

Club Social

Tuesday, May 10th, 7:30 pm. \$43/pp. Wayne and Sandy Hemstead, with special guest Susanne Rea invite you to a unique evening of food and fun, all to benefit Polio Plus. vomFASS will serve several adult and non-alcoholic beverages, along with four light appetizers. The food and drinks are made using an assortment of vomFASS oils, vinegars, liqueurs and spirits.

<http://polioplusfundraiser.eventbrite.com/>

Visitor Jerry Rubacky drew the 9♣ to win \$5



The 50/50 is \$1,081

Birthdays

Chuck Spears May 11
Gordon Costley (rr) May 12
Chris Riesen May 12
Guy Quinn May 13
Buddy Cliff May 14

**Rotary Sings:
Are You Sleeping?**

Are you sleeping, are you sleeping?
Brother John, Brother John?
Morning bells are ringing,
morning bells are ringing
Ding dong ding, ding dong ding.

Frère Jacques, Frère Jacques,
Dormez-vous? Dormez-vous?
Sonnez les matines, sonnez les matines
Ding dong ding, ding dong ding.

This Morning's Invocation

Good and Gracious God, it is humbling for us to realize that you have made each of us the crown of creation, not just for privilege but to be stewards of Your created order.

But we have been called also to be stewards of moral, ethical and spiritual values. Give us a sense of urgency as we seek to make a meaningful difference in the lives of others.

Grant to us as responsible citizens and leaders, such strength of character, courage of conviction and compassionate concern, that our influence for good will be felt in every life we touch.

Bless now our food to strengthen our bodies, and our fellowship to enrich our relationships.

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