



The Spoke

June 15, 2016



Steve McIntosh introduced the leaders of the club. Left to right Steve McIntosh, Jayne Klinker Faculty Advisor, Cole Cernohous president, Brooke Klinker vice president.





INTERACT



2015 – 2016 Interact Service Projects/Activities

Back to School Ice Cream Social
 Coastal Clean Up
 Walk and Roll GBS-CIPD Foundation
 Rivals vs. Rations – Collected canned goods for needy
 Named the statue at the Dog Park
 Dictionary Day – Bonita Springs Elementary School
 Ronald McDonald House
 Taste of Bonita
 Pink Out – Breast Cancer Awareness/Breakfast
 Bonita Middle School Fall Festival
 Bonita Elementary School Fall Festival
 Freshmen Orientation and School Choice Open House/Information Table
 Race for the Cure
 First Responders – Donate “treats” to area fire stations
 Valentines to Senior Care Center
 Estero High School Campus Beautification – All Phases
 Thanksgiving Family Project
 Paw Painting
 International Project
 Estero High School Quiz Bowl
 Estero High School Angel Tree
 RYLA Leadership Conference
 I Like Me books – Read to kindergarten students at Spring Creek
 Café of Life
 Gulf Coast Humane Society – in progress

OFFICERS:

President:	Cole Cernohous	Historian:	Sam Douglass
Vice President:	Brooke Klinker	Marketing:	Victoria Romero/Alexis Garcia
Treasurer:	Sammy Maurer	Service Chair:	Alycia Jones
Secretary:	Sarah Bestrom	International Chair:	Katie Rivera
		Sergeant at Arms:	Camryn DeWitt

SERVICE ABOVE SELF

ROTARY SPONSORS: Mr. Kerr/Dr. McIntosh/Joe Gellings

CLUB SPONSOR: Mrs. Klinker and Mrs. Brownlee

THE FOUR-WAY TEST The Four-Way Test is a nonpartisan and nonsectarian ethical guide for Rotarians/Interact members to use for their personal and professional relationships. **Of the things we think, say or do**

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Last Week Meeting

President Tom Briers presided. Week 50. Ray Faubion presented the invocation; Roger Brunswick led the Pledge of Allegiance; and Brian Olitsky flawlessly recited the Four Way Test.

Substitute Song Leader Jon McLeod was disappointed that the published song was not Margaritaville. [This week, Jon].



Jon, assisted by Roger Brunswick and Claudie Delgado-Feeney, led the singing of George M. Cohan's classic, *You're a Grand Old Flag*.

Bob Lombardo congratulated Sara McCallum reporting he had deposited \$1,199 in the C.A.R.T. fund this week. Sara noted that Tom Brier's canvas bag, presented at last week's meeting, yielded \$106 in coins including 388 pennies.

Jon McLeod gave us a Gift of Life Update. Two years ago in Key West, Jon had just completed his bicycle journey and thought the effort had raised \$140,000.

was almost \$250,000, enough for 200 surgeries in El Salvador.

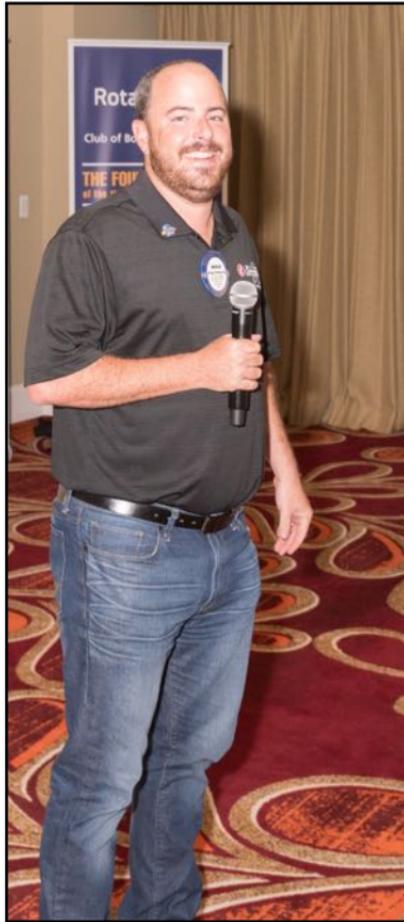
Adam Botana reminds us he is hosting a Sunset Cruise Social, Thursday, June 23rd at 6 pm. Contact Adam or sign up during the meeting.

President Tom Briers presented 65 year Rotarian Ira Hawk with a Paul Harris +4 pin. Ira is a former Rotarian of the Year and long time Spoke editor. His service and contributions to Rotary and the Rotary Foundation are greatly appreciated. Ira revealed that he got his first Rotary pin in 1951.



Dave Adamson introduced his son, D.J., who is graduating from middle school as valedictorian and athlete of the year. D.J. will be entering Estero High School where he wants to play football, basketball, and lacrosse.

Roger Brunswick was acting Sergeant-at-Arms. He lectured about table talk during speaking and fined Adam Botana \$5. Then he organized a birthday celebration for Jason Washburn. The “celebration” consisted of Morgan Eldridge speaking the Happy Birthday song.



The Soloist

Last Week Speakers

Brad Piotrowski introduced the speakers, Bill Barker, Publisher and Manny Garcia, Editor of the Naples Daily News. Bill Barker is also Regional President of Florida papers for the parent company. Bill opened his remarks, “I’m blessed working with one of the best editors in the country. Manny came over from Miami three years ago. I think you’ve seen an improvement in the NDN especially in coverage of local affairs.”



Manny Garcia, Editor, NDN

Bill says, “This community is going to lead Florida in growth and economic development and be a center of influence for the state of Florida.” The Gannett company reaches 100 million digital readers and has 3,800 journalists across the USA Today network. The company owns both the NDN and the News-Press.

“We believe that strong journalism locally is the pathway to a strong community. Our first mission is to strengthen the communities we serve. We can do journalism at the lowest level [grassroots] of the

community in our neighborhoods. We also have a paper in Tallahassee and we plan to strengthen our state coverage.



Bill Barker, Publisher, NDN

“We are proud to be part of this community and serving you with a great editor, Manny Garcia...Manny is head of investigative reporters and editors. We are going to invest in investigative journalism. We have to because TV and radio don't have the capacity to do investigative journalism. This year the NDN will receive three Green Eyeshade awards for investigative reporting in the South East region of the U.S.”

“We need to shine a light on some of the good stuff that happens, celebrate the wins. We are a big believer in building our community.”

From Hotelier to Realtor



Joe Murgalo stepped up to present his Vocation Service Moment. Joe's father was a naval officer, so his family moved around a lot finally settling in Silver Spring, MD. Joe graduated from the U of MD in 1980 with a degree in communications. During his high school and college years, he had worked at hotels and restaurants so as jobs were scarce, he took a job in management at the hotel he where he had been working to "pay the rent".

After two years, he found he "had a passion for the business". Then he applied for and was hired by Hyatt Hotels and Resorts. Thirty-two years and fifteen moves later, still with Hyatt, he came to Bonita Springs, "my favorite place to live ever". Joe says he loved being hotel general manager. "You get to use both sides of your brain, the intellectual side and

the creative side.”

Living in so many different places gave him the opportunity to learn a lot about the U.S.A. He notes that the country is very diverse with each region having its unique culture and customs. In the course of his work, he personally has met every president since Ronald Reagan. One of his favorite celebrity couples was Ann Bancroft and Mel Brooks, “Big celebrities who act like regular people.”

When the Hyatt asked him to move again, he made a choice of “family first”. Joe has been a single parent for 10 years raising two daughters. His younger daughter was a junior in high school and Joe made the decision to stay here, left Hyatt, and became a realtor for Engel & Volkers an international real estate firm.

“I’m glad I made the change for my family.” His younger daughter graduated from high school and the older from College of Charleston this year.

Joe was introduced to Rotary by Jim Dati. “I think its the best volunteer organization I have ever been involved with. I look forward to giving more time to Rotary in the future.”

This Week Program

Our speaker will be E.J. McDonnell, Bonita Bay, Director of Golf. The Southwest Florida Pro Golf Association (PGA) named E.J. McDonnell the 2015 Golf Professional of the Year.

Beginning his career as a member of the outside golf operations team with Bonita Bay Club in 1999, McDonnell now serves as the Club’s PGA Director of Golf. His performance, service, and promotion of the game were considered for the award.

Bashful Steve Slatcha drew the 3♠ to win \$5



The 50/50 is \$1,219

Birthdays

Jay Berube June 15
Bill Oehler June 16
Don Thomson June 17
Jim Horein June 20

**Rotary Sings:
Margaritaville**

Nibblin' on sponge cake
Watchin' the sun bake
All of those tourists covered in oil
Strummin' my six-string
On my front porch swing
Smell those shrimp hey they're beginnin' to boil

Wastin' away again in Margaritaville
Searching for my lost shaker of salt
Some people claim that there's a woman to blame
But I know it's nobody's fault

I don't know the reason
I stayed here all season
Nothin' 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
Searching for my lost shaker of salt
Some people claim that there's a woman to blame
But I know it's my own damn fault

This Morning's Invocation

Good and gracious God, in our witness to others enable us to be steadfast in duties deeply felt and humbly accepted.

Help us to be thoroughly responsible in our stewardship of the opportunities we are given to be truthful and fair, to show a benevolent spirit toward others, and to rigorously uphold the high ethical and moral standards we espouse as Rotarians.

Bless now our gathering in this place, that our influence for good will be felt in this small corner of the world.

To that end we offer gratitude for sustaining food, enriching fellowship and invigorating involvement in worthwhile endeavors. Amen.