



The Spoke

August 10, 2016

Rotary



Wayne Hempstead introduced our speaker Thomas Tyrrell. He has lived, part time, in Naples since 1985. His father was American, his mother English, and he was born in England. Since his father didn't register his birth with American Embassy, he is here on a Green card.



Thomas Tyrrell

He is now a citizen of the Isle of Man a self-governing, British Crown dependency in the Irish Sea between England and Ireland. It's known for its

ugged coastline, medieval castles and rural landscape, rising to a mountainous center, and low taxes.

The island is not part of the United Kingdom or European Union, but is a possession of the British Crown with an independent administration. Its inhabitants are British citizens.



Mr Tyrrell's objective was to give us some background and understanding of the possible consequences of the recent vote in favor of Brexit.

The United Kingdom was formally established uniting the Kingdom of Scotland and the Kingdom of England and Wales in 1707. Six Ulster counties became Northern Ireland when the republic of Ireland gained independence in 1922.

He told us that the U.K. recently voted to leave the European Union, The EU was the successor to the European Economic Community formed in the 1950's with the expressed goal "Take into common ownership the materials of war so that once again Germany can not upset Europe."

Britain joined the European Community, predecessor to the European Union, in 1975. In 1991 at the forming of the European Union, the British negotiated an "opt out" clause allowing them to maintain the pound as their currency rather than the Euro.

The British leaders continued to describe the EU as all about economics. Mr. Tyrrell says, "How wrong they were."

The Brexit leaders believed that the EU was about a political union. They were rebelling against the EU institutions, courts, commissions, rules and regulations that were governing the Brits way of life.

The "Article 50" of the Lisbon II treaty tells how a nation state could leave the EU. He says "This is a nasty article because it lays down a game of poker."

Once the UK has notified the EU of its intention to withdraw, there is a two year time period for negotiations between the UK and the EU. Any agreement needs approval of least 20 of 27 countries with 65% of the EU population. If there is no agreement then EU treaties will cease to apply to the UK.

Mr Tyrrell says that "Brexit may be the first sign of unraveling of the world order created by the US and its allies at Breton Woods in 1945. Brexit may trigger other changes."

Additionally, he says, "Undoubtedly this will have a great effect on the way NATO is organized and controlled." He points out that the UK maintains nuclear missile submarines and may have difficulty continuing to support them.

Mr Tyrrell says that Nixon's 1972 visit to China, "Changed the world." In his view, the purpose of the visit was to make certain that China and Russia did not get into "cahoots together."

He notes that it was entrepreneurial industrial enterprises that moved factories to China, not the US or Chinese governments. And these enterprises will move to other countries if it benefits their shareholders.

Last Week Meeting - Week 5

President Steven Slachta presided. Gary Price presented the Invocation; Roger Brunswick led the Pledge of Allegiance; and Vince Modarelli wowed us with the Four Way Test.

This year's song leader Wayne Hemstead led us in his version of Summer Wind.



Marjorie Rubacky, Program Committee chair, reported that we will be having a Rotary Minute on a routine basis. This was suggested by Adam Botana and is being implemented by Sandy Hemstead.

Vince Modarelli has volunteered to be Program Committee Liaison. His responsibility will be to get a notice of our upcoming speaker programs in the local newspapers. The August programs notice has been printed in the News-Press and we expect it to be in the Naples Daily News and the Banner Real Soon Now,

District Governor Ladd Waldo is urging clubs to get

members to the RI Convention in Atlanta, June 10-14, 2017. He is hoping for 350 District 6960 members to be there.

The Rotary Club of Estero is sponsoring a Golf Tournament at Raptor Bay on September 17th. Please call Brian at 239-339-7356 for information.

Club member Dr, Rolando Rivera announced that the 3rd annual Docs & Duffers Charity Golf Tournament sponsored by the Collier County Medical Society will be held at Bonita Bay on Saturday, September 17th. Information at the CCMS web site.

Steven reported that the club is considering sponsoring a 5K run before the Taste of Bonita, November 19th.

Bobbi Bird told us about going to RSW to greet incoming Exchange Student Fanny. She will be attending Gateway H.S., staying with Jane Goble for the first half and with Kelsey Scoggins for the second half of her "year".

Wayne Hemstead said he had attended a Rotary Leadership Institute program last year and "It was very informative about Rotary. If you want to learn a lot, sign up. The club will reimburse your tuition." The next session is scheduled for Saturday, September 20th at Keiser University.

Roger Brunswick acted up as Sergeant-at-Arms. He reported seeing the video of Adam Botana being chased by dolphins on the London Daily Mail web site. Congratulations to our own international star.

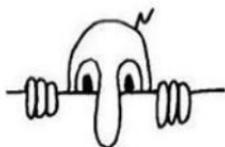
Roger had something about Ohio for us to relish. This time it was the 852 weeks that The Ohio State

University has been listed in the top 25 of the AP college football rankings. In the background on the tape was heard, "I think he thinks we care."

Roger congratulated Wayne on a great job with the song. "Next year, America's Got Talent is having auditions in Nome, AK on the day before Christmas... and you might want to think about going."

Roger tried to get Wendy's son, Ben, to sing Happy Birthday to her. No luck. She settled for a shout out.

Don't forget the BLUE BUCKETS! The CART Fund is dedicated to raising funds to provide "seed" money for cutting edge, high impact research in hopes of finding a cure/prevention for Alzheimer's disease.



The 50/50 is \$1,768, 9 cards 2 Aces, Joker.

This Week Program

Christine Kobie, Young Professionals Summit

Young Rotarians and Rotaractors, from ages 25 to 45, are already leaders in their communities. These leaders came together in Georgia for two days in June to exchange ideas and take action.

Our speaker Christine Kobie was selected through a competitive selection process, to join this exciting opportunity and help develop a plan for making Rotary more relevant to the needs, desires and purposes of younger professionals.

She will be providing a report to our club about the summit.

**Prez Steven Slachta drew
the 2 ♠ to win \$5**



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Birthdays

Nancy Ross Aug 12

Gary Murphy Aug 12

Carrie Reynolds Aug 13

Dale Timple Aug 16

Rotary Sings: Summer Breeze

See the curtains hangin' in the window
In the evenin' on a Friday night
Little light is shinin' through the window
Lets me know everything's alright
Summer breeze, makes me feel fine
Blowing through the jasmine in my mind
Summer breeze, makes me feel fine
Blowing through the jasmine in my mind
See the paper layin' on the sidewalk
A little music from the house next door
So I walked on up to the doorstep
Through the screen and across the floor
Summer breeze, makes me feel fine
Blowing through the jasmine in my mind
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This Morning's Invocation

O God, in a society so enamored of things and pleasures, help us to remember that ancient truth that "man does not live by bread alone."

We are grateful for material things but help us to see and use them in the larger context of that which is moral, ethical, and spiritual.

Guide and strengthen us in personal and corporate pursuit of activities from which others will benefit. As we have been served in various ways, motivate us to serve others.

We express gratitude for the blessings of food and fellowship by which we are enriched. Amen.

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