



The Spoke

November 9, 2016

Rotary



Make a matched contribution to the Rebeca Olivera Scholarship Fund

At a previous meeting, **Tom Burgess** introduced Rotaracter **Paul Olivera**. Paul's sister, Rebeca Olivera, graduated from FGCU in 2015.

Rebeca died Saturday, Sept. 5, 2015 in Monterrey, Mexico. She was born in 1992, in Campeche, Mexico where she was raised. She enrolled at FGCU in 2010 as an international student on the Latin American and the Caribbean Scholarship and graduated in May 2015 with a bachelor's in environmental engineering. She was pursuing a master's degree in Monterrey when she died when a fire in her home caused by a gas leak.

Rebeca was not an ordinary FGCU student. She was highly involved and left a significant impact on the university. Her brother Paul, now an FGCU senior, is working to establish a **scholarship fund in Rebeca's name**.

Paul Olivera said Rebeca dreamed of changing Mexico someday. "She always complained about water pollution. Her dream was to come back home and try to fix it."

Bob Lombardo rose to tell us that contributions to the scholarship fund will be matched by the club foundation up to \$2,000.

Bob said, "So far we have only a few donations. I know it's not because you don't want to donate, but because it has slipped your mind. **If we all contribute a small amount, we can make the match. Take a minute and make a contribution.**"

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Welcome



Steven Slachta, President

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster (1) the development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service; (2) high ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society; (3) the application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life; and (4) the advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

Rotarians are a diverse group of business, professional, and civic leaders who take an active role in the communities they serve. Chartered in 1978,

The Rotary Club of Bonita Springs has 97 members that continuously build upon our club's rich history as the preeminent business networking and service organization in Bonita Springs. Our members support a number of local community and civic projects, as well as international projects that bring needed capital improvements to some of the most impoverished parts of the world.

Our club is composed of business, community and professional leaders reflecting a wide cross-section of our community. We Rotarians desire to improve the lives of those less fortunate, make the world a better place, and we are committed to fulfilling Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self." If you do business in the greater Bonita Springs area, our club offers you an opportunity to network with people who operate their business affairs on the highest level of integrity and ethics.

The Rotary International theme for this year is "Be A Gift To The World" and RI President K.R. Ravindran asks each Rotarian to be a gift to the world with our service to others, rather than

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Last Week ...18

President **Steven Slachta** ding, dinged the meeting to order. **Susan Hill** delivered the invocation; **Roger Brunswick** led the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Frank Mazzeo** recited the Four Way Test flawlessly.

Song Leader **Wayne Hemstead** got everyone up for singing of *God Bless America*. The song was written by Irving Berlin in 1918.



Peter Ferner, visiting Rotarian from Bavaria, reported that his club would be celebrating its 50th anniversary. He played us a “signal” on his Bavarian Hunting Horn. “I hope these sounds will be beneficial to your ears.” Thank you, Peter.

Steven reported there will be **benefit softball games on Friday, November 11th**. The Louisville

Slugger Warriors, successor to the Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Team, will take on the Lee County Sheriffs at 5 pm and the fire department at 7 pm. We'll be selling beer and wine.

A sign-up sheet was circulated for volunteers to help at the 5k run on **Saturday morning, November 19th.**

Scott Anderson is looking for sponsors for the Christmas Tree Sales. Sponsor's banners will be displayed at the tent and logos will be on all advertising.

Adam Botana told us the **annual boat parade** will be Saturday, December 10th. He is anticipating 40-50 boats will take part.

Wendy Arsenault needs all Poinsettia orders by Wednesday, November 9th. She is still looking for more help delivering and handing out plants on the day after Thanksgiving.

Sergeant-at-Arms **Roger Brunswick** welcomed returning Rotary Regulars and visitors. He was looking for some late arrivers for some much needed fine money. He settled on **Rick Barber**. "You're late too much. How about a \$100 annual fine to cover your lates?" Alas, this was vetoed by President Steven.



Susan Schmitt wanted a birthday serenade by all the men under 50. Surprisingly, there were 10. After their first start, they were roundly hooted, stopped, and restarted. The second try was a little better.



Dave Shellenbarger wanted everyone over 70 to sing for his 70th. This brought a bigger crowd with some pretty good voices.

Rotary Minute

Sandy Hemstead presented the Rotary Minute.

This week she reviewed the

ROTARIAN CODE OF CONDUCT

“As a Rotarian, I will:

1. Act with integrity and high ethical standards in my personal and professional life
2. Deal fairly with others and treat them and their occupations with respect
3. Use my professional skills through Rotary to mentor young people, help those with special needs, and improve people’s quality of life in my community and in the world
4. Avoid behavior that reflects adversely on Rotary or other Rotarians “

Last Week Program

Adam Botana introduced our speaker, his waterfront neighbor, **Bob Wasno**, Facilities Manager, FGCU Vester Field Station.



The Vester Marine and Environmental Science Research Field Station was established in June 2007 after the Florida Gulf Coast University Foundation acquired the waterfront facility.

The Field Station was the vision of Norm and Nancy Vester, who owned and managed the facility

while it was a resort (Bonita Beach Plantation Resort).

The property consists of three buildings: 1) a main residence that includes a classroom, wet and dry laboratories and an office, 2) an eight-unit apartment building under which there is a large open area for aquaria, mesocosms and holding tanks connected to running seawater system, and 3) a third building that houses offices, a conference room and both another wet and dry lab.

The site is surrounded by water on three sides and includes 11 boat slips (5 with boat lifts) and has easy access to the Gulf of Mexico.

It serves as a venue and base of operation for educational programs, community involvement and scholarly research that increases our understanding and promotes science-based stewardship of coastal watersheds, estuaries and Gulf of Mexico ecosystems, with special emphasis on the education of future scientists and scientifically literate citizens.

One recent study examined the effects of oil and dispersants on the early development of oysters and physiological, immunological and reproductive impacts in adult oysters.

Another study conducted bioassays and toxicity tests of oil from the Deepwater Horizon spill using adult copepods and early-life stages of urchins and finfish.

Hurricanes are the single most costly and destructive weather disasters in the United States. They are working on a project that will reconstruct the hurricane history of Southwest Florida over the past five thousand years. In addition, the study will establish a site-specific Southwest Florida hurricane database that will be used

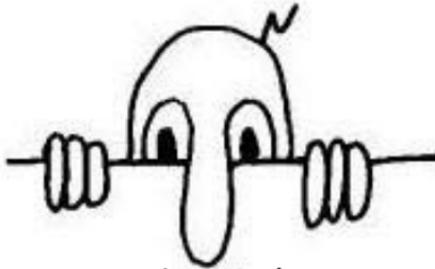
to better understand the characteristics of storms that produce overwash deposits.



Fall foliage viewing Pembroke, Massachusetts

This Week

***Teresa Schober,
Archaeologist,
Mound Key***



50/50 \$570

49 Cards



**Stephanie Kissinger
drew the 4♣ for \$5**



The 50/50 is \$570

Birthdays

Bob Lombardo Nov 10th

Rotary Sings: God Bless the USA

If tomorrow all the things were gone
I worked for all my life
And I had to start again
With just my children and my wife
I thank my lucky stars
To be living here today
'Cause the flag still stands for freedom
And they can't take that away
And I'm proud to be an American
Where at least I know I'm free
And I won't forget the men who died
Who gave that right to me
And I'd gladly stand up next to you
And defend Her still today
'Cause there ain't no doubt
I love this land
God Bless the U.S.A.

This Morning's Invocation

Lord of the Past and Present, as we experience Veterans Day this week, we acknowledge with gratitude and awe, the providential favor you have shown toward our country.

In solemn remembrance we salute with pride the military veterans who gave themselves in personal sacrifice, to win and to preserve the freedom represented in so many ways.

We pray for men and women now serving in armed forces. Surround them, we pray, with your protective providence. Help us all to be loyal citizens as we re-dedicate ourselves to the values and virtues which made our nation great.

Now bless, we pray, our club proceedings, our meal and our friendship. Keep us true to our historic purposes. Amen.

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