



The Spoke

February 15th, 2017

Rotary



Last Week...32

Without a ding, Next President **Jon McLeod** convened the meeting. **Jim O'Leary** presented the invocation; **Roger Brunswick** led the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Claudie Delgado-Feeney** recited the Four Way Test flawlessly.

After **Wayne Hemstead** led singing of the usual version of *Let Me Call You Sweetheart*, **Ron Anderson** treated us to a more appropriate version:



*Let me call you sweetheart,
I forgot your name
You can call me darling,
if you've done the same
When you lose your memory,
it is such a shame
Let me call you sweetheart,
I forgot your name.*

Adam Botana, chairman of the Reverse Raffle has begun distributing tickets for this year's event. See Claudie or Adam for tickets. **Joe Murgalo** is handling requests for tables.

Roger Brunswick was Sergeant-at-arms. He fined a table for having no women and introduced guests. **Gloria Collingsworth**, mother of Josh-the-Otter founder, Blake Collingsworth, was attending. She is a member of the Lincoln, NE club.

Roger organized a "gentlemen" only, up-tempo, singing of Happy Birthday for **Bobbie Bird**, a shout-out for **Gary Price**, and an **Heber Paulin** solo rendition for **Drew** and **Kanema Clark**.

Sandy and **Wayne Hemstead** returned from India where they, and 2.5 million other volunteers, helped to administer 172 million polio immunizations. Sandy and Wayne had taken the excess t-shirts from the 5k (End Polio Now) and distributed them to the volunteers.



Sandy and Jon show off the 5 Indian Rotary Club flags collected.

Last Week Program



Steve McIntosh introduced our speaker, FGCU President **Wilson Bradshaw**. Steve told us that 10 years ago when searching for a new FGCU president, “We were looking someone who could take us to the next step. What happened was this president has taken us on multiple steps that we never expected.”



President Bradshaw says, “I’m retiring in June. I’ve enjoyed coming to work..almost every day.” He started here when FGCU was 10 years old and will be retiring on its 20th anniversary.

When he arrived there were 8,000 students. Now there are 15,000 and fewer than 50% are from SWFL.

He says, “FGCU is an intellectual and economic force in SWFL. Not always the leader, but the catalyst for economic development in SWFL.”

The FGCU campus was built as “a living, learning community. Not built to be a commuter institution. Come to FGCU to live and learn and we have created an environment to promote that learning.”

President Bradshaw invited us to tour the campus and admire the new entrance. He says, “there are no sprinkler systems, no fertilizer used, and we have buildings that are ‘green’, solar fields for supplying energy and cooling to three of our largest buildings...When you come on the campus you come into the ‘Real Florida’”.

The Emergent Technologies Institute is about 1 mile from campus. There, there are new educational initiatives including MS degrees in science and engineering. And there is R&D project support for graduate and undergraduate education.

He was proud to announce that among the fast food outlets on campus there is now a Dunkin Donuts, some times called the University Police Department Annex.

President Bradshaw is proud of the progress made in athletics under the direction of Athletic Director Ken Kavanagh. **“I predict the basketball team will win the A-Sun and go to the 3rd round of the NCAA tournament.”**

He says, “It’s hard to believe we’ve come so far in the last 10 years. The best is yet to come.” He expects growth to be 2-3% per year in the near term.

The funding formula for state universities has been changed to emphasize quality of outcomes rather than number of students. In response, FGCU has raised its admission standards and is recruiting higher caliber students.

He says the basic rule is that the campus is a “free speech zone. All speech is permitted as long as it’s not disruptive to the normal course of campus business..Some students and faculty have been offended to what’s being said, but we have a strong commitment to free speech.”

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, February 15th, 6-8 pm. **4-Club Social** at Artichoke & Co. \$20/pp. Kickoff WheelChair campaign.

Wednesday, March 8th, **Rotary Regulars’ Meeting**.
Thursday, March 15th, 5:30-7:30. **Nautical Flea Market kickoff** cocktail party for club members and F.O.L.K. at FineMark, 10010 Coconut Rd.

Sunday, March 26th, 5-8 pm. Installation Dinner. Pelican Isle Yacht Club. \$65/pp.

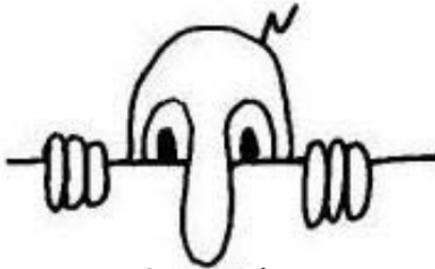
March 29th - April 3rd. Second annual Nautical Flea Market. Help needed. Contact Mary Saunders.

Saturday, April 29th, 6 pm. 21st Annual Reverse Raffle. St John the Evangelist.



This Week

**Cathleen Morgan,
Lee County School Board**



50/50 \$1,426

37 Cards

Carl Nickel drew the J♣ For \$5



The 50/50 is \$1,426

Birthdays

George Cohan Feb 15th

Rotary Sings:L.O.V.E

L is for the way you look at me

O is for the only one I see

V is very, very extraordinary

E is even more than anyone that you adore can

Love is all that I can give to you

Love is more than just a game for two

Two in love can make it

Take my heart and please don't break it

Love was made for me and you

This Morning's Invocation

O God, we pray not only for ourselves today, but for all who are in need of Your gracious attention.

Comfort the sorrowing, give relief to the anxious, strength to the weary, and direction to the wandering.

Give moral strength and courage to young people faced with alluring temptations.

Grant wisdom to their counselors and parents in order that the youth of our communities might have a deeply- entrenched inner strength, from which comes good character and esteem.

Make effective the efforts of Rotarians around the world who work with youth.

Bless our own efforts in the service of others, and bless for our use the food and fellowship we enjoy.

Use us as willing instruments of Your will.
Amen.

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