



The Spoke



June 7th, 2017

Sandy and Wayne on the Road Again

Marjorie Rubacky introduced our speakers **Sandy and Wayne Hemstead**, "It's a special treat to have this report from our club members."

Some History

Sixty years ago, polio was one of the most feared diseases in the U.S.

As the weather warmed up each year, panic over polio intensified. Late summer was dubbed "polio season." Public swimming pools were shut down. Movie theaters urged patrons not to sit too close together to avoid spreading the disease. Insurance companies started selling polio insurance for newborns.

The fear was well grounded. By the 1950s, **polio had become one of the most serious communicable diseases** among children in the United States.

In 1952 alone, nearly 60,000 children were infected with the virus; thousands were paralyzed, and more than 3,000 died. Hospitals set up special units with iron lung machines to keep polio victims alive. Rich kids as well as poor were left paralyzed.

Then in 1955, the U.S. began widespread vaccinations. By 1979, the virus had been completely eliminated across the country.

172 Million kids immunized



Wayne and Sandy told us their story of traveling to India at their own expense for two weeks in India to assist in National Immunization Days (NIDs).

These are held across India twice a year, with the Government of India setting out to give two drops of oral polio vaccine (OPV) to every child in the country under the age of five.

The scale is extraordinary, with more than **172 million** children immunized by **2.3 million vaccinators** who visit every house in every city, town and village across the country – more than 209 million houses in all.

With the help of Rotarians around the world, by the end of 2011, India stood out as a shining example of how to win this war when they saw the last case of polio in that country. Rotarians also understand that until polio is eradicated from the world, their children and all children are still at risk. They have kept their vigil and shared their knowledge with the countries that are still endemic **as they continue to fight on the front lines to END POLIO NOW and forever!**

Last Week Meeting ..48

Ding. We were happy to see President **Steven Slachta** back in the left seat. **John Flammang** presented the invocation; **Roger Brunswick** led the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Kenny King** recited the Four Way Test with only an occasional glance at the poster.

Song Leader **Wayne Hemstead** led the singing of God Bless America without a script.

Thanks from Steven

Steven thanked the club for sending him a fruit basket during his recent recovery, “best I have ever had...except my wife ate all the chocolate covered strawberries.”

Amazon Smile

Eileen Tasso, aka Mrs. GT, told us about using Amazon Smile to make contributions to a charity of your choice. She suggests Rotary's Camp Florida. If you use Amazon, try **Smile.Amazon.com** and select **Rotary's Camp Florida** as your



choice of charity to receive the benefits.

Golf

Golf major-domo **Mark McCaw** reports signups are going on. Please contact Mark if you would like to be on the email list.

Blue Bucket Challenge

Bob Lombardo issued “The Blue Bucket Challenge”. He said his table had already donated \$10.31 and dared others to beat the amount. At the end of the meeting, Sara Mcallum reported a **new daily record** total of \$51.20.

Scott Anderson To Perform

Steven reported that our own **Scott Anderson** will make several musical appearances at the **Rotary Convention** in Atlanta. Check the calendar for times and places.

Gold Standard Club award



Bobbi Bird, next DG, and **Sandy Hemstead**, next DGE, came forward to present a District Governor’s **Gold Standard Club** award to President Steven Slachta. Well earned.

Kelechi is almost there

Rotaractor **Kelechi Ibezim** was born in the U.S., was raised in Africa, and, after graduation, wants to promote easy access to affordable health care around the world.

Kelechi Ibezim told us that she needs \$400 to reach her \$5,000 goal to self-fund her summer language study in Costa Rica.

Foundation Directors Election

Tom Briers is accepting nominations for Directors of the club's Foundation. This is a three year term starting July 1st. Contact Tom if you are interested. The election will be June 21st.

Roger Brunswick Time

Roger told us about "stopping by the bus stop bench." It seems there was an exerciser doing step-ups at a bus bench on Bonita Beach Road while **Blue Zoner** Roger Brunswick came by in his Caddy. "What is that nut doing going up and down in 95° heat?". As he got closer Roger recognized **Don Manley** who had a hat on so his head wouldn't get cold. "Were you running away or running home? Get in and I'll take you for an ice cream."

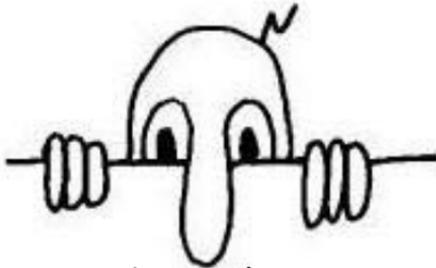
Upcoming Events

June 10-14 Rotary International Convention in Atlanta,
Georgia.

Saturday, June 24th, 3 - 9 pm Summer Solstice Family
Beach Bash at Lovers Key State Park Pavilion.

This Week

**Carl Schwing
State of the City**



50/50 \$2,461

15 Cards

**Donna Marcotte drew
the Q♦ for \$5**



The 50/50 is \$2,461
Birthdays

Bob Gillette June 4
Justin Washburn June 9

Rotary Sings: Sweet Caroline

Where it began, I can't begin to knowing
But then I know it's growing strong
Was in the spring
Then spring became the summer
Who'd have believed you'd come along

Hands, touching hands
Reaching out, touching me, touching you

Sweet Caroline
Good times never seemed so good
I'd be inclined
To believe they never would

This Morning's Invocation

Good and gracious God, as we enjoy this segment of our day in the context of our Club, help us to keep vividly in mind the principles of Rotarianism in our dealing with the world and in our relationships with others.

We intercede this day for all who suffer and for all who labor to alleviate suffering.

Grant wisdom to those who govern, strength to all who serve, courage to all who strive for truth and integrity in all phases of life.

Bless our local efforts to serve others, to infuse our community with the proven principles we espouse, and to be standard bearers for truth in our spheres of influence.

Bless and strengthen us through food and fellowship for the pursuit of our purposes as a Club. Amen.

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