



The Spoke



October 11th, 2017

Ding, Ding. Secretary **Chris Riesen** had the gavel as President Jon was speaking at Cape Coral. **Wayne Neller** presented the invocation; **Roger Brunswick** led the Pledge of Allegiance; and new member **Trina Carbonneau** recited the Four Way Test flawlessly.



Mark Generales stepped to be song-leader-for-the-day. He gave us a little history and then led a fine rendition of *This Land is My Land*.

Chris announced that \$23,000 in donations has been received so far by the club's **Donor Advised Fund for Irma Relief**. **Don Manley** urged us to reach out to our former “up north” clubs for donations to the DAF fund. His club has donated \$10,000.



Don has been leading the effort at Imperial and Dean St. He says there is plenty of pay...**hugs and thanks from grateful home owners**. There are many tasks even for those not able to do “mucking and gutting”. Don’s wife spent 8 hours washing clothes for a flooded out family. Some people bring lunches for the workers.

Don says we are working closely with Samaritan's Purse and so far have **helped 200 families**. "**We are making a difference**. At the end of the day you can say 'What I did today changed somebody else's life.'"

He wanted especially to praise **Jessica Berube** as the "glue" that keeps the project on track. She is working with the residents to figure out what they need and keeps a list of homes that need to be gutted, 8 on list, and 15 that need tree removal.



DGE **Sandy Hemstead** reported that in Immokalee, we are helping in a "fulfillment" center operating from a school. Teachers reaching out to parents identify needs for all kinds of supplies and food. Students pick the "orders" and help deliver them.

The construction course students are helping to put the familiar **blue tarps** on needy roofs and the mechanics course students are going out to check cars and replace batteries.

In **Lehigh Acres** volunteers are helping with mucking and gutting and tree removal.

Wayne Hemstead reported that the club will give 500 points to match a \$500 contribution for Paul Harris recognition. The club will honor the previous offer of 667 points to be matched by \$333 cash to get to the next PH level. Those awards will be presented at the District Foundation Dinner November 2nd at Kings Highway Country Club. \$45/pp. Sign up on DACdb. Please contact Wayne for answers.

Bob Lombardo came forward, called **Mark Generales** to the front and presented him with a trophy clock. It seems the clock awarded to Mark in 2015 for his Service Above Self honor was broken and the replacement has finally arrived!

The **automatic dues** payment system on the Club's website is in operation and has been working flawlessly. Contact Bob if you want to sign up.

Bob recognized member **Dave Langendorfer** for his generosity in donating his \$2,500 Reverse Raffle winnings to the club's foundation.



Bob pointed to member **John Warfield** and honored him for the 100th anniversary of Frederick Motors of Frederick, MD. This auto sales company was founded by John's father, run by John, and now is run by John's son. A three generation success story.

“More importantly, I have known him to be one of the greatest citizens of Bonita Springs. He has been on the Council, was Citizen of the Year, and had donated many hours and resources to philanthropic endeavors in Bonita Springs.”

John acknowledged the accolade and said, “This is the **finest city in the world** to live with the finest citizens you will ever find. If you are thinking about moving to Florida, this is place to come..right here.”

Sue Masters read at note from **Susan Schmitt** thanking us for “the calls, the cards and hugs meant so much to me. The flowers were beautiful and truly heaven scent.”

A sad note. Past President **Dick Fredrickson's** wife, Kathy, passed away October 5th at Hope Hospice. A memorial service is being planned for November. Dick and Kathy celebrated their 49th wedding anniversary in September.

Jim Renfro who returned early from Sweden this year reported his urologist has declared him cancer free.



Marjorie Rubacky reported that the Wonder Gardens will survive and plans are being made now for what the gardens are going to be.

Clara Anne Graham reported that her former club, Blackstone, VA has sent \$4,400 to the Donor Advised Fund.

Vince Modarelli applauded **Adam Botana**, his family, and Baywater Exclusive Boat Club for sponsoring an entire Habitat for Humanity home. The wall raising will be Saturday, October 14th.



Dave Roesa, Grove City, OH, has relieved Russ Koon as **Ambassador, disaster aid USA**. Dave will be headquartered at the staging area.

Rotary ROCKTOBERFEST for the IRMA Rotary Relief Effort is scheduled for **October 14th, 4-9 pm** at Artichoke & Company. Free entry, live music, dancing, great food & drink, raffle prizes and more!

Sarah Hadeka and The Rotary Club of Bonita Springs are planning a benefit concert on **October 27th**. All proceeds will go to hurricane Irma relief. Ticket prices will start at \$10 with a VIP option coming soon. The club will sell beer and wine. A sponsor for the fencing is needed.



Past President **Stephen Slachta** introduced our speaker, **Nicole Perino**, Parks and Recreation Director for the city. She grew up in the small town of Athens, Ohio where she attended Ohio University and graduated with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Exercise Physiology. During her 17 year career in the Parks and Recreation Field, she began as a Fitness Director of a city Recreation Center in Ohio and then continued to move up the ranks to her current position in the city.

Nicole told us something about each of the city's 21, yes 21, parks. Some are small pocket parks, others are trails through preserve areas.

One of the facilities is the Disc Golf Course. The course is described as, "small but enjoyable flat course

that wraps around a large pond with several tight holes, then opens and plays over sidewalks and roads. Pretty park. Pro shop in rec. center. Dual tees.”



Rotary Club of Bonita Spring members gathered at the front of the room holding up a “**dyed**” **pinkie symbolizing** a polio vaccination. October 24th is International Polio Awareness Day and District Governor Bobbie Bird is challenging all the clubs in District 6960 to celebrate the day.

Under the leadership of PDG Pete Doragh, our district has established a **Donor Advised Fund with The Rotary Foundation** that will be used for club projects to help our communities. This will be important with what will likely be a long term recovery effort. Please consider reaching out to your out of state Rotary contacts, snowbirds, friends and others who may be interested in donating to Irma Relief.

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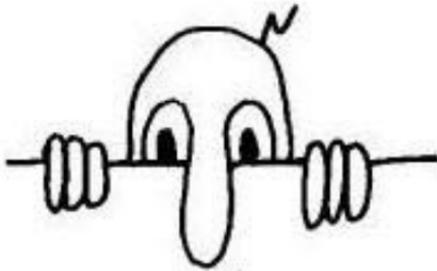
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**This Week
Audrey Vance, City
Attorney, Medical
Marijuana**



50/50 \$642
39 Cards Left
Including 2 Aces, Joker

Happy Sue Masters
drew the 5♥ for \$5



The 50/50 is \$642

Birthdays

Juan Teodoro Oct 8

Scott Anderson Oct 13

Clara Anne Graham Oct 13

**Rotary Sings:
Shine on Harvest Moon**

Oh, Shine on, shine on, harvest moon
Up in the sky;
I ain't had no lovin'
Since April, January, June or July.

's no time, ain't no time to stay
Outdoors and spoon;
So shine on, shine on, harvest moon,
For me and my gal.

This Morning's Invocation

O Lord of the universe, as this month hastens by we become conscious not only of passing time but the seasonal transitions built into the world of nature.

We pray that as we deal with the various transitions we encounter in life, we will be given needed faith, endurance, patience and strength, enabling us to make positive experiences out of the changes which will come.

As Rotarians committed to serving others, help us to be sympathetic facilitators of change in those who struggle with unwanted changes.

Help us to be good stewards of our abilities, our resources, and our time for our own sake and for others.

Bless now to our physical use the food prepared for us, and to our need for sociability, the fellowship of this group. Amen.

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