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Week 47



May 23, 2012

This Week: Joe Cox

Joe Cox, Executive Director of the Galisano Children's Museum in Naples will be our speaker.

Last Meeting

President **Jim O'Leary** presided. **Ira Hawk** offered an invocation. **Jay Berube** led the Pledge of Allegiance, and **Carl Bals** recited the 4-way test. **Jim Dati** led the singing of *You're a Grand Old Flag*.

Announcements

Kenny King had open heart surgery Friday, May 11th. He is doing fine at NCH downtown Naples.

President Jim thanked **Len Eckert** for designing and printing a very attractive new "Welcome" brochure to be used as a hand-out for potential new members.

Bill Banfield distributed a complete copy of the "premium version" of club directory which includes photos. Please report any corrections required. See President Jim or The Spoke editor if you need a picture added.

Jim thanked **Joe Murgalo** for providing "a room at the Hyatt" for the board of directors' retreat Saturday morning June 9th, 9 am to noon.

Melissa Taylor reports there will be another Food Drive competition among the clubs, tentatively planned for July 18-19.

Stephanie Kissinger revealed that Evites had been sent out for the Installation Banquet. The event will have the entire Tarpon Bay dining room and pool deck. Wear your favorite "island wear" and "dress flip flops". **Bill Banfield** will provide island music.

An election for two Foundation Board of

Directors seats will be held June 13th. If you are interested, please contact **Jim Dati**, **John Spear**, or **Don Thomson**.

Bobbi Bird presented club flags collected at the RI meeting she attended in Bangkok. She reported 38,000 Rotarians from 160 countries having fun with plenty of undisciplined traffic at all hours of day and night.

Jim mentioned that **Steve McIntosh** and **Dave Shellenbarger** are working on a club survey that will be distributed by email next week.

Marjorie Rubacky announced that there will be a city-wide celebration on Saturday, May 26th for the re-opening of the YMCA. The Club Foundation contributed to the cost of the pool rehab which has been completed.

President Jim reported that the club had greatly **exceeded** The Rotary Foundation goal for the year. He thanked everyone for their contributions and time and effort. The foundation money goes across the world and comes back as district simplified and matching grants. This money is in addition to our local foundation funds that we keep and manage.

The effort to support the **Wheelchair Foundation** is continuing. The Area 3 clubs are making a difference around the world. Paddling for a Purpose will add to that. **You can make a difference!** The club's Foundation will match up to \$3,500 in contributions. A \$50 contribution, matched, will buy one wheelchair. The donor will receive a picture acknowledgement from the wheelchair recipient. Contact **Jay Berube** or **Les James**.

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Bill Banfield was sgt-at-arms for the day. He warned that at future meetings there would be fines for failure to have a Rotary pin or Rotary logo shirt. He announced that he is arranging a Rotary Night at a Miracle game sometime in August for the local clubs. Bill organized a group of Mothers and folks born after 1958 to sing for birthday boy **Chris Riesen**. Mercifully, the singing did not last long.

Last Week: Fine Art Auctions



Greg Holtz introduced our speaker **Kristen Vaughn** of Leslie Hindman fine art auctioneers of Chicago and Naples. The top tier of auction houses consists of Sotheby's and Christie's. These firms did \$4.9 billion of sales each last year.

The next tier consists of about 5 houses considered middle market firms. Leslie Hindman is a middle market firm and is the largest in the Midwest.

An auction house is really a marketing firm. The job is to inventory, catalog, and categorize the items to be auctioned. The auction house takes items on consignment and charges a commission to both buyer and seller. In the business, "stuff" is a technical term.

The principal reasons for an auction result from **Death, Divorce, Debt,** and now **Downsizing**. Some people consider "Blue Chip" art and investment grade diamonds safe investments in these times of financial uncertainty in real estate and stocks.

The internet has changed the auction business by allowing people from all over the world to participate on-line and by phone including buyers from China. Chinese are the largest antique buyers in the world, representing about 30% of the business.

Kristen gave several examples of items selling at 2 to 10 times the pre-auction estimate. (Makes you wonder about the values given on "The Antiques Road Show".) One woman had items that sold for several hundred thousand dollars each. The woman had been a Walmart greeter. Kristen showed us a picture of herself with a Chinese vase that was sold by the Naples office for \$316,000.



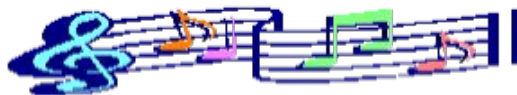
This program was an interesting look at a rather different business. Kristen presented well and captured the rapt attention of the audience.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, May 22 Rotary Happy Hour, Lakehouse at Trianon Hotel.

Saturday, June 9 Director's retreat 9am to noon, at the Hyatt.

Saturday, June 16 Installation and awards banquet, Tarpon Bay CC.



God Bless America

God bless America, land that I love.
 Stand beside her and guide her
 Through the night
 With the light from above.
 From the mountains
 To the prairies
 To the oceans, white with foam,
 God bless America,
 My home sweet home.
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 My home sweet home.

Rotary Make-Up Opportunities

Monday	Noon	Fort Myers South. Crowne Plaza. Bell Tower
Tuesday	Noon	Estero. Spring Run
Wednesday	7:30 AM	Naples - Gulf Shore. Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club.
	12:15 PM	Naples. Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club.
Thursday	7:30AM	Naples North-Country Club of Naples
	11:45 AM	Bonita Springs Noon Spanish Wells CC
Friday	7:30 AM	Naples-Pelican Bay. The Club at Pelican Bay.

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This Week's Big Prize: \$1,750±

Well dressed Todd Kluener drew the 3♠ to win \$5.



\$1/ticket. 3 for \$2. 10 for \$5. 25 for \$10.

Happy Birthday!

None to report

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