



The Spoke

Help Wanted!

*Habitat for Humanity Workday
Saturday, March 2nd*



November 2012

Photo by Ron Anderson

In a flurry of construction activity, volunteers with Habitat for Humanity of Lee and Hendry Counties have raised the walls on six homes in the Renaissance at Rosemary Park in Bonita Springs. Each year the residents of Bonita Bay, Pelican Landing, Shadow Wood, and Miromar Lakes host events within their communities to raise the \$50,000 needed to sponsor a home.

Our club is lending a helping hand with organized group work days and a **Rotary Foundation Grant** of \$35,000 that covers purchase of washers, dryers, a/c units, water heaters, and ceiling fans for ten units.

Our work days are usually planned for Saturdays. The work is of a general construction nature ranging from pounding nails to painting. We work from 8:00 am to 2:30 pm with a lunch break.

Work clothes are recommended and tools are provided by Habitat. We are proud to partner with Habitat in this worthwhile task. It's a great way to help out and get to know your fellow Rotarians as you work side by side.

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LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President Stephanie presided on National Lame Duck Day. (Not so fast, Steph, it's only week 32).

Hal Cooper announced that he and his wife are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary. Congratulations.

Ray Faubion gave the Invocation, **Jerry Myers** led the Pledge of Allegiance, and **Carl Bals** recited the 4-Way Test. **Ron Anderson** led the singing of George M. Cohan's *Give My Regards to Broadway*.

Jon McLeod reported on the Super Bowl Party and the Alternative Fund Raising Grids. **George Cohan** won \$500 and **Ray Faubion** took the big prize of \$1,000.

One of the drawings, a half day boat rental offered by Adam Botana, was auctioned and taken by **Richard Garner** for \$200.

Bob Lombardo announced that the Gift of Life Mini-Golf Tournament and Social will be Wednesday, March 20th at the Congo River Golf on 41. Bob expects to raise \$2,500-3,000 about half the amount needed for a Gift of Life Child. Tickets will be \$12. Hole sponsorships are available.

Tom Burgess told us that the 7 Rotaracters, a Rotarian, and two faculty advisors going on a FGCU sponsored

humanitarian trip to Costa Rica to distribute school supplies in outlying villages and in San Jose. Tom is asking for drivers to take the travelers to Fort Lauderdale on Sunday, March 3rd and retrieve them Sunday, March 10th.

Stephanie reported that she, **Susan Schmitt**, and Hal Cooper had participated in the Florida Rotary Camp workday last Saturday.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Stephanie introduced **Jane Goble**, a new club member but long time Rotarian. Jane moved to Ft Myers when she was 3 years old. She has 3 children, 2 step-children, 7 grand children, and 1 great-grandson. She is Director of Trust and Estate Services at BMO Harris Bank, Naples.

Jane is currently District Administrative Coordinator, Assistant District Treasurer, and Co-Chair of the District Conference. Jane said, "I love Rotary. Rotary is my passion and I love doing service projects. I especially appreciate being asked to join this club."



Herb Schmitt, Hal Cooper, Jack Funderburg

Work Day at Camp Florida

Photos by Susan Schmitt



Stephanie in action

EVALUATING SPORTS TEAMS PERFORMANCE

For Fun and Profit

Mark Generales introduced The Swami, **Donn Wagner**, a sports handicapper since age 10.

His web site, www.the-swami.com features many different handicappers and shows their performance. He says that by offering so many options he believes he can give his clients the best chance at being successful.

Donn started his presentation with a handout of a golfer's scores showing date, score posted, course played, tee time, and playing partners. He then asked us to identify some of the factors that should be considered in predicting a future round's outcome.

This led us to an understanding of the psychological and physical factors that one can look at to come up with a prediction. One of his favorite sayings is that handicapping is "seeing what everybody else has seen and thinking what nobody else has thought."

He gave us the example of discovering that former Mets pitcher, Dwight Gooden had a very poor record when pitching on hot, muggy days. Later in an interview with Joe Garagiola, Gooden confirmed saying, "...my curve ball would hang on hot, muggy days so I wouldn't throw it."

Donn was a 5th and 6th grade school teacher for 30 years, and "I loved teaching." His handicapping was a sideline. Later he turned his hobby into his full time work.

In the late 60's he was a "player", playing through a local dentist. The dentist had several other dentists in the network. Donn was making \$5 wagers and winning say \$30/week. The dentists were losing \$100's. The dentists began following Donn's predictions.

Then he stopped playing to work on his Master's

Upcoming Speakers

February 13,
FGCU Rotaract

February 20,
Dr Burke, Lee County School
Supt.

February 27,
Bob Cioppino, founder and
Director of the Florida Repertory
in Ft Myers.

Club Events

Habitat for Humanity,
Saturday, March 2nd. Contact
Ron Anderson.

Mini Golf and Social at the
Congo River course, Wednesday
March 20th

Relay for Life, Friday &
Saturday, April 5-6. Contact Bobbi
Bird

Reverse Raffle, Saturday, April
20th

District Conference, May 16-19.
Contact web site or Jane Goble.

thesis. Shortly after he got a phone call from one of the dentists asking how much he would charge for his predictions. When the man said, "I'll pay you \$500/month" Donn first realized he could make money selling his handicapping.

**"The Fifty-Fifty" NOW \$1,798
A smiling Lance Albertson drew the 8♣
to win \$5**



As always..we're all winners as the "Fifty-Fifty" helps keep our club strong and ready to serve.

***It's A Birthday
Celebration!***

**Les James Feb 14
Bobbi Bird Feb 14
George Cohan Feb 15**



Rotary Sings

Let Me Call You Sweetheart

Let me call you sweetheart,
I'm in love with you.
Let me hear you whisper
that you love me, too.
Keep the love-light glowing
in your eyes so true.
Let me call you sweetheart,
I'm in love with you.



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**The 4-Way Test
of things we think, say or do.**

**Is it the TRUTH?
Is it FAIR TO ALL CONCERNED?
Will it build GOODWILL and
BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
Will it be BENEFICIAL to all CONCERNED?**



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