



# The Spoke

## Last Week: Michael Francis



**Michael Francis** of WINK was our speaker last week. We were privileged to have a raconteur, philosopher, and motivator all rolled into one.

He described working as a stand-up (outside) reporter during snowstorms in Boston, covering the LA Riots, and meeting and knowing George H.W. Bush while working in Maine.

And he told us of moving to Estero from Cleveland, going to work for Terminex, attending bug school in Orlando, becoming a certified Florida bug

exterminator, and getting the introduction to his current employer from a Terminex customer.

He gave us two pieces of wisdom, “Be good to everybody you know, be a giver not a taker” and as an employee, “Be high performance and low maintenance”.

Michael has 25 years of journalism and broadcasting experience. As a radio and television news anchor, investigative reporter, general assignment reporter and producer, he has earned 9 Emmy Awards, 5 Golden Microphone awards and more than a dozen Press Club awards for journalism excellence.

A career spanning assignments that include Los Angeles, San Diego, Boston, Cleveland, Portland, Maine and Wilmington, North Carolina provided him with experience covering Presidents and international leaders, State of the Union speeches, national and local elections, hurricanes, earthquakes and daily local news coverage.

He is responsible for all aspects of the 92.5 Listener Experience which includes Daybreak with Drew Steele, local news coverage, affiliate relations with Glenn Beck, Rush Limbaugh, Sean Hannity, Mark Levin, Michael Savage, Coast to Coast AM and local weekend programming.

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LAST WEEK'S MEETING



President **Bobbi Bird** presided. Her quote for the week was from the Old Vermonter, Calvin Coolidge, “Never go out to meet trouble. Nine cases out of ten someone will intercept it for you.”

raffle his club is offering. Six nights for a family of four in a luxury condo at Steamboat Springs. For more information or tickets contact RotarySanCap@gmail.com.

**Bob Lombardo** said that while the final tally is not done yet, the play made “a pretty good profit”.

**Juan Teodoro** announced a Club Social to be held at the Hyatt, Thursday, March 27th from 6-8 pm. This is a social as well as the first membership drive event. Bring a friend.

**Carl Bals** presented the invocation, **Susan Schmitt** led the Pledge of Allegiance, and visitor **Bill Rahe** flawlessly recited the 4-Way Test. **Ron Anderson** led the singing of *So Happy Together*.

**Jon McLeod**



auctioned a basketball signed by all the FGCU ladies team. The ball was donated by **Scott Gerrish**. **Carl Nickel** got the ball for a \$250 donation. Jon announced that **Bos2KW** has added new sponsors, Time Trial Cycles and Specialists

in Urology. He showed a flyer that will be inserted in the Naples Daily News and will be available for distribution. Sponsorships are available for \$500. Contact Jon for details.

Bobbi announced that **Bonita Assistance Office** is looking for volunteers to help with food and beverage sales at the Saturday, March 29th, **Celebrate Bonita**. Volunteers should have completed the Advanced & Extensive Training offered by Coastal Beverages whereby you can pour multiple beers at one time while fielding orders, making change, standing on one foot, singing the Rotary song. Contact **Ray Faubion**.



**Don Thompson** reported that our own **Greg Holtz** was named Attorney of the Month by Legal Aide Services of Collier County for providing pro bono services.

**Sandy Scoggins** announced that the club raised \$5,065 in the World’s Greatest

Meal... effort. This translates to \$15,165 when matched. Our club was 2nd of 532 worldwide participating clubs.



**Bill Rahe** visiting from the Sanibel-Captiva Club, explained the “Summer in the Colorado Mountains”

## NEWS FROM UP THERE

### And you thought the **Great Rotary Derby** was all about fishing?

The two-day ice fishing competition on Lake Winnepesaukee is one of the top fund-raising events in the state, which has enabled The Meredith New Hampshire Rotary Club to donate a total of more than \$1.5 million back into the community for charitable projects, area improvements, scholarships, and families in need over the last 34 years.

If any proof is needed that The Great Rotary Fishing Derby is about more than just success at landing a fish through the ice, the example of Jim Dyer of Meredith and Mike Jakubens of Manchester offers convincing evidence that it is really about something more.

The two long-time friends have been taking part in the derby for over 30 years and maintain steadfastly that they have yet to land a single fish during the derby, although one year they almost pulled a landlocked salmon, (which would have been illegal) through the ice.

But that lack of success hasn't dimmed their enthusiasm for the derby. They were out on the ice with their girlfriends Friday morning, standing next to their shelter (where the temperature inside was close to 100 degrees) and lighting a fire in their barbecue grille while sipping Pabst Blue Ribbon beers.

They said they had started their morning with mimosas (champagne and orange juice) along with their breakfast and were looking forward to a fun weekend of socializing with their fellow ice fishermen while enjoying meals of steaks, sausages, chicken and burgers.

"We've even got a bathroom potty in the second tent and have Internet out here thanks to the Wi-Fi

from the hotels. We have everything we need," said Jakubens.

Betsey Donovan, chairman of this year's Great Rotary Fishing Derby, says that ticket sales are excellent this year. "We've gone over 2,000 for the first time in 8 or 9 years," says Donovan.

Those who had the largest fish in each category on either Saturday or Sunday of Derby Weekend will be eligible for the top prize drawing. First prize is \$15,000, second prize is \$5,000, and third prize is \$3,000.

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### **Upcoming Events**

**Installation Dinner.** Friday, March 14th, 6 PM, Bonita Springs YMCA. \$67/person. Dress is "country club casual". Buffet dinner, beer, wine, soft drinks, music by "Legends of Las Vegas".

**Bonita Blues Festival.** Saturday, March 15th. Riverside Park

**Leadership Bonita Class of 2014** Graduation, Friday, March 21st. Contact the Chamber if you want to attend.

**Chow Down for Charity** - Estero Rotary Fun Fest. Saturday, March 22nd, noon to 8:30 pm. Estero Community Park. Food, music, art, and family fun.

**Movies in the Park.** Saturday, March 22nd 6:30 pm, Riverside Park. Movie is *Despicable Me II*. Our club is co-sponsor.

**Rotary Social.** Thursday, March 27th, 6 - 8 pm. Hyatt. Bring a friend.

**Celebrate Bonita.** Saturday, March 29th. Riverside Park.

**Relay for Life.** Saturday, April 26th, 4 pm until Sunday, April 27th, 7 am.

**Reverse Raffle.** Saturday, May 3rd. Remember you don't have to be present to win.



**Rotary Club of Bonita Springs**, chartered November 3, 1978, meets every Wednesday at Bonita Bay Club. The Club may be contacted through its mailing address P.O. Box 474, Bonita Springs Florida 34133 or its website [www.bonitaspringsrotary.org](http://www.bonitaspringsrotary.org). **The Spoke**, the Club's official newsletter, is published weekly throughout the year (except when the Club is in recess.) You can reach the Spoke through its email [riverchip12-spoke@yahoo.com](mailto:riverchip12-spoke@yahoo.com). **Scott Gerrish** issue editor.



**The 50/50 Now  
\$2,387**

**Last Week:  
an Exuberant  
Frank Liles  
picked the 5 ❤️  
to win \$5.**

*Rotary Sings*

**When Irish Eyes are Smiling**



**When Irish eyes are smiling,  
Sure it's like a morn in Spring,  
In the lilt of Irish laughter  
You can hear the angles sing.**

**When Irish hearts are happy,  
All the world seems bright and  
gay.**

**And when Irish eyes are smiling,  
Sure, they steal your heart away.**



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

- Roger Kemper (rr) Mar 7**
- Jane Goble Mar 8**
- Frank Ogden Mar 10**
- Dave Hanley (rr) Mar 12**

**Upcoming Speakers  
Today:**

**Larry Kiker  
Lee County  
Commissioner**

**Next Week:**

**Pam Morton-Jones,  
Friends of Lover's Key**

**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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*This Morning's Invocation*

We confess, O God, that in coming to our weekly meetings we come with an awareness of important purposes, that of renewing our commitment to service, perpetuating Rotary's name and mission, and expanding our influence in the lives of others.

As we participate in our club's avenues of service and in the projects we have adopted, help us to look beyond the tangible physical details of involvement to the ideals, principles, and standards which motivate the tangible things we do.

As Rotaract Week is observed across the Rotary world we offer prayer for the young adults and leaders, that their motto, "Fellowship Through Service," may be realized in significant ways,

Accept our thanks for food, for meeting space and all things physical which enable us to pursue our noble purposes. Amen.