



# The Spoke

## Community Fund of Collier County



Eileen Keestler

**Dave Shellenbarger** introduced **Eileen Keestler**, President and CEO of the Community Fund of Collier County. The CFCC gathers capital to find social needs and community development in Collier County. The mission is to connect donors with the needs. In 2014, CFCC was overseeing more than 500 funds, collaborating with over 400 local nonprofits, and managing \$87 million in assets. CFCC distributed

more than \$7 million in FY 2013-14.

The services provided by CFCC are educating people on charitable giving vehicles, customizing giving approaches, facilitating complex forms of giving, sharing knowledge on community needs, and helping people create personal legacies via named trusts.

One important attribute of the CFCC is its local expertise. It is a local organization with local staff and board members, has a knowledge of community issues, opportunities and resources, and maintains information tracking local agencies and programs.

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LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President **Sandy Hemstead** presided. **Susan Schmitt** presented the Invocation. Visiting, Past President **Bob Hagy** led the Pledge of Allegiance and **Jacob Hyre**, incoming Rotaract President recited the Four-Way Test. **Ron Anderson** led the singing of *Are You Sleeping?* as a "round".

**Member Spotlight**



New member **Mike Poff** stepped forward for his three minute Spotlight moment. He is from Vermillion, Ohio, attended Ohio University on an athletic scholarship, was a teacher and coach, and later became football coach at Central Michigan University. He says, "Being head coach of a Division 1 school is a very interesting profession."

After 10 years in coaching, Mike entered the student housing business, "another very interesting situation". Five years later he sold that business to enter the hotel business and now owns two hotels.

Mike was a 10 year Rotarian in

Michigan, and is "really excited about being part of this club." (Mike's Spotlight took 1:15, a new record for brevity. ed).

**Greg Holtz** has decided that, for personal reasons, he is not going to be able to serve as president-elect next year. President Sandy announced that **Steve Slachta**, who was following Greg in the club officer progression, has agreed to move up one year, will become President-Elect on July 1st, and will follow **Tom Briers** in the presidential line. There is an opening for Secretary for 2015-16 who will move up to president after Steve.



Sandy announced a \$150,000 project for Gift of Life in El Salvador has been approved. The project will perform 200 life saving open heart surgeries for children in 2015. Sandy thanked **Jon McLeod** for getting the project started with his bicycle riding and **Bobbi Bird** for working on the grant application.

The **Walk for Water** fund raiser will be held Saturday, February 21, 9-11 am at the YMCA. The walk is 1 1/2 miles and is the same distance as **the native people must walk returning with a container of water**. The cost to participate is \$10/person or \$20/family. This is an important project involving the Noon and Estero Rotary Clubs. Please encourage local residents and visitors to support this outreach project for clean water.

The 19th Annual Reverse Raffle will be held Saturday, March 14th. **Each member is responsible for selling a minimum of three tickets.** Please contact George if you want to reserve a table for 8 or 10.



New Look **Jon McLeod**, Alternative Fund Raiser expert, showed us the Super Bowl Grid. There are 100 squares to be sold at \$20/each. The half time winner gets \$500, the winner gets \$1,000, and \$500 goes to the Pan-Florida Challenge Bike fund

raiser.

**Susan Schmitt** has Rotary shirts for sale. Just fill out the order and give Susan cash or check.

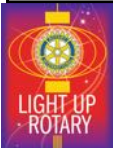
**Rick Barber** introduced his guest,



**Blake Guillery** Executive Director of the South Florida Water Management District. SFWMD covers 16 counties from Orlando to Boca Grande to Fort Pierce home to 6.1 million people. Blake was asked to attend Governor Scott's press conference on Tuesday. Asked if there were some words of advice, he was told, "Just don't look taller than the governor". Governor announced \$5 billion over the next 20 years for everglades projects and land, with \$150 million this year for everglades projects, and a 4 year plan to complete the C43 reservoir. This project will store 170,000 acre feet of Lake O' discharge before the water goes to the Coloosahatchee. Blake says, "This is a very good year for water projects."

Our Rotaract Visitors.

Laura Gardner,  
Roberto Guido,  
Marissa Lewis,  
Jacob Hyre,  
President Sandy,  
Tom Burgess



**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.

**Last Week: A hopeful  
Gary Price drew the 7 ♥  
to win \$5**



**The 50/50 Now  
\$2,551**

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**?

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## *Rotary Sings: Yellow Submarine*

In the town where I was born  
Lived a man who sailed to sea  
And he told us of his life  
In the land of submarines

So we sailed up to the sun  
Till we found the sea of green  
And we lived beneath the waves  
In our yellow submarine

We all live in a yellow submarine  
Yellow submarine, yellow submarine  
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Yellow submarine, yellow submarine

*This Week:*

**Steve Magiera**  
**The State of FGCU**

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

***Donna Marcotte Feb 2***  
***Drew Clark Feb 3***

### **This Morning's Invocation**

Gracious God, as we unite in prayer, we give thanks for the spiritual dimension of human existence in which we find help and hope amid the secular realities which make insistent claims upon our time and effort. Having retreated from those pressures for this time of renewed fellowship with friends, we pray that you will grace our gathering with your presence.

In this anniversary month of Rotary's founding we give thanks for Paul Harris and others who established the organization in which we are privileged to be.

Help us to be faithful to our heritage by being responsive to the needs of others. Accept now our thanks for all earthly provisions for our needs, and for spiritual resources to pursue opportunities to serve others. Amen.