



The Spoke

The State of FGCU



Steve Magiera

Steve McIntosh introduced our speaker, **Steve Magiera**, Vice President of Administration at FGCU. Steve Magiera is from Indiana, an IU grad, and a CPA. McIntosh says, "He is a guy you never see, who makes the budgets work, gets to Tallahassee to work with legislators, and who is responsible for all hiring except academic positions."

FGCU opened in 1997. Hiring of staff started in 1993, Steve was hired in 1995. The first class, in 1997, had 2,500 students, including 200-300 freshman. The upperclassmen were from a USF campus that was closed. The first graduating class was in 1997 and the graduates were allowed to have either a USF or FGCU diploma.

Today there 14,500 students on campus, 80 buildings, with 4,700 live-in students. Student housing now is quite different as students demand their own bedroom, a far cry from the dormitories of yesteryear.

FGCU offers 51 undergraduate programs, 31 graduate programs, and doctoral programs in Physical Therapy and Education.

The University's growth has changed in the last couple of years. It had been growing at 9-10% per year but now is 2-2 1/2%. The State's funding model no longer emphasizes increasing enrollment and has resulted in FGCU concentrating on selecting better prepared students. Incoming student average SAT's have increased from 1529 2 years ago to as high as 1667 for this year's selections.

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LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President **Sandy Hemstead** presided. **Bobbi Bird** presented the invocation; **Greg Holtz** led the Pledge of Allegiance; and Past President **Gerry Myers** recited the Four-Way Test. **Ron Anderson** led the singing of *Yellow Submarine*.

Sandy, with help from **Tom Briers** and **Peter Zahner**, inducted new members **Steve Hiatt** and **Paul Gavin**.



Steve Hiatt



Paul Gavin

Paul's classification is "Attorney-Litigation/Mediation"; Steve's is "Industrial Chemicals (Ret)". Steve was a long time Rotary Regular.

In a difficult moment, Sandy announced that **Bob Lorenz**, a 33 year Rotarian has resigned. Bob had difficulty with the Board decision three years ago to use the Rotary Prayer Book for invocations rather than personal prayers that may have emphasized specific religions. For Bob, "At age 85, God is not finished with me yet and I feel called to serve specifically in the name of Jesus Christ." Bob is going to serve in other organizations.

Sandy said, "We are a more diverse club now than eight years ago when I joined. Although we are predominately Christian, the Christians within the club have very different viewpoints. We have atheists,

agnostics, and other religions, a variety of viewpoints. The Board made the decision to use the Rotary Prayer Book because we wanted to be welcoming to everyone. We wanted everyone to feel it was their club, and not specific to a particular religion."

Susan Hill is leading the club's effort for **Walk for Water**. The Walk will be Saturday, February 23rd, 9-11 am at the YMCA. This is a joint effort of our club, the Noon club, and the Estero club to raise money for a clean water project in Guatemala.

To participate the cost is \$20 for a family or \$10 for an individual. Encourage your friends, neighbors, and visitors to participate and support this outreach project for clean water.

Sandy said the Super Bowl matrix had 74 participants. The winners will be announced next week and the prizes based on the \$1,480 collected.

Sandy outlined other upcoming events:

March 4th, will be Rotary Regular Day

March 6-7th, Bonita Blues Festival

March 14th, Reverse Raffle

May 15th, District Conf. on Captiva

George Cohan, Chairman of the Reverse Raffle, said he is not worried yet but is looking for more ticket sales for the Reverse Raffle.

George, the Sgt-at-Arms, fined some latecomers, and celebrated birthdays of **Larry Miller** and **Jonathon Shaw**. One of the visitors he introduced was the President of the Providence, RI club. George remarked, "When I left the state, there were no republicans left."

Florida Bar Association Recognizes Greg Holtz

The Florida Bar Association **recognized 21 lawyers for their work on behalf of poor and indigent clients** at a January 29th ceremony at the Supreme Court of Florida.

Established in 1981, The Florida Bar President's Pro Bono Service Awards are **intended to encourage lawyers to volunteer free legal services to the poor by recognizing those who make public service commitments** and to raise public awareness of the substantial volunteer services provided by Florida lawyers to those who cannot afford legal fees.

Greg Holtz was the recipient for the 20th Judicial Circuit (Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry and Lee counties).

The Citation:

“After earning his law degree in 1977 from Case Western Reserve University, Gregory T. Holtz was a legal counsel for the United Savings Association in Cleveland, then was a prosecutor and solicitor for Brooklyn Heights, Ohio, and also ran his own firm for five years.

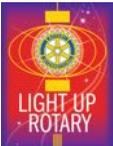


“He was admitted to The Florida Bar in 1980. But in 1984, he went into the banking industry, eventually becoming senior vice president and managing director of U.S. Bank in Naples. “After all those years in the banking industry, **Holtz had a strong desire to use his skills to help people who were less fortunate.** So he approached Legal Aid Service of Collier County, offering his services as a pro bono attorney. **Since**

mid-2013, Holtz has handled more than 30 pro bono cases and provided more than 190 hours of pro bono service for Legal Aid Service of Collier County and the Collier Lawyers Care Pro Bono Program.

“Holtz also is a professor at Ave Maria School of Law in Naples. There, in addition to being an instructor in wills, trusts and estates, **he supervises externships and a pro bono program, allowing law students to assist in the delivery of legal services to the underserved.**”

Congratulations, Greg!



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Last Week: A skillful Joe Murgalo drew the A♣ to win \$100



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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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Rotary Sings: Smile – Sing a Song

Smile, and the world smiles with you,
Sing a song
Don't be weary, just be cheery
All day long

Whenever your trials,
your troubles and your cares
Seem to be more than you can really bear
Smile, and the world smiles with you,
Sing a song

This Week:

Clayton Simmons
State of Estero H.S.

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

~~Jonathan Shaw Feb 6~~
Kanema Clark Feb 7
Gary Price Feb 9

This Morning's Invocation

O God, we gather once again as men and women committed to the values espoused by Rotarians everywhere, values and virtues desperately needing to be infused in our culture.

We believe the qualities which characterize Rotarianism at its best have their origin in Your will and purpose. We pray, therefore, for divine assistance as we seek to so integrate them into our social, business and professional structures, that they become the accepted basis for behavior!

Bless now the food provided for our use and enjoyment, and use the congeniality of our fellowship as a winsome witness to the quality of our togetherness.

Accept our gratitude for all gifts and challenges which come from Your hand. Amen.!