



The Spoke

SalusCare, Inc.



SalusCare, Inc. is a Fort Myers, Florida based not-for-profit mental health and substance abuse service provider incorporated in 2013 after the merger of Lee Mental Health Center and Southwest Florida Addiction Services (SWFAS).

Kevin Lewis is the CEO. He is a recognized leader in **behavioral healthcare**, having worked for more

than 30 years in the public service sector.

SalusCare has seven locations throughout Southwest Florida. SalusCare provides services for **all regardless of disability or handicap**. All substance abuse programs and most mental health services are accredited by CARF International, an independent, nonprofit accreditor of health and human services.

Behavioral health includes what traditionally known as **mental health and substance abuse treatment**. Behavioral health treatment may involve primary care physicians, mental health/substance abuse treatment specialists and psychiatrists as well as other professionals. As with other chronic illnesses, patient engagement is a key ingredient.

Research is clear that effective behavioral healthcare services can **improve outcomes and reduce costs in justice systems, reduce costs healthcare services** and reduce impact/costs in education, and the child welfare system among others.

Kevin pointed out that Florida is low on State Mental Health expenditures and the circuit that includes Lee County is low among the state's regions. He advocates expansion of Medicaid or insurance coverage to low income Floridians. "This will help public funding support a more robust system of care, reduce the 'cost shifting' to private insurance and reduce costs for employers, and **return millions of Florida tax dollars to Florida while creating jobs.**"

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 LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President **Sandy Hempstead** presided. Andy Frech (rr) read the invocation; **Brian** and, daughter, **Jordan Olitsky** led the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Gary Murphy** recited the Four Way Test flawlessly. "is it?, is it?, will it?, will it?". **Ron Anderson** led the men in singing of *Easter Parade*. What's the rotogravure?

Sandy made several announcements. **Steve Slachta** completed RLI phase I training. **Tom** and **Leslie Burgess** have moved to Bentley Village. **Dale Timple** has made new, very nice flag stands for the club.

Sara McCallum reported that \$232 had been donated to CART via the Blue Buckets in the last quarter. She pointed out that the cover of The Rotarian magazine features Alzheimer's this month.



Sara McCallum called **Jim Horein**, wife **Jody**, son **Jeff**, and Jeff's wife **Sara** to the front. Sara McCallum was able to pin a previously earned PH pin on Jim. Then Jim took the podium to extol the virtues of son Jeff who was honored with a Paul Harris award. Jim claimed about son Jeff, "Everything he does is based around the Four Way Test of Rotary."

Susan Schmitt distributed previously ordered Rotary shirts. Please see Susan if you ordered a shirt.

Nancy Ross said the District has adopted "Josh the Baby Otter" program. "**Josh the Baby Otter**" was created to help children comprehend and remember this important message **TO STAY AWAY FROM WATER UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT**. Nancy is looking for volunteers to help man a booth at the District conference in May.

Bob Lombardo announce that placement of the **bricks** ordered for the **Veterans Memorial Walkway** will be Saturday, May 23rd, at 9 AM. The bricks have not yet been installed and you will have a chance to have a say where it will be installed.

George Cohan reappeared to act as Sergeant-at-Arms. He led birthday greetings to Sara McCallum and **Steve Slachta**. Steve gave a check for \$225, apparently feeling wealthy after his Reverse Raffle prize of \$7,500. George managed to fine the table of SMACK guys by the window \$5 each for not singing *Easter Parade*.

Sandy presented pins to **Tom Briers** and **Gary Price** for having brought in new club members. Tom took the opportunity to ask for "**bail**" **contributions** for his jail term with the Naples Rotaractors.

Tom also announced the **Installation Banquet will be at the Barefoot Beach Club**, April 24th, 6 pm. This is a lovely setting on the 3rd floor with a great view of the sunset. The cost is \$70/person which includes dinner and two drinks, music and dancing. **Please plan to attend.**

Member Moment: Donna Flammang



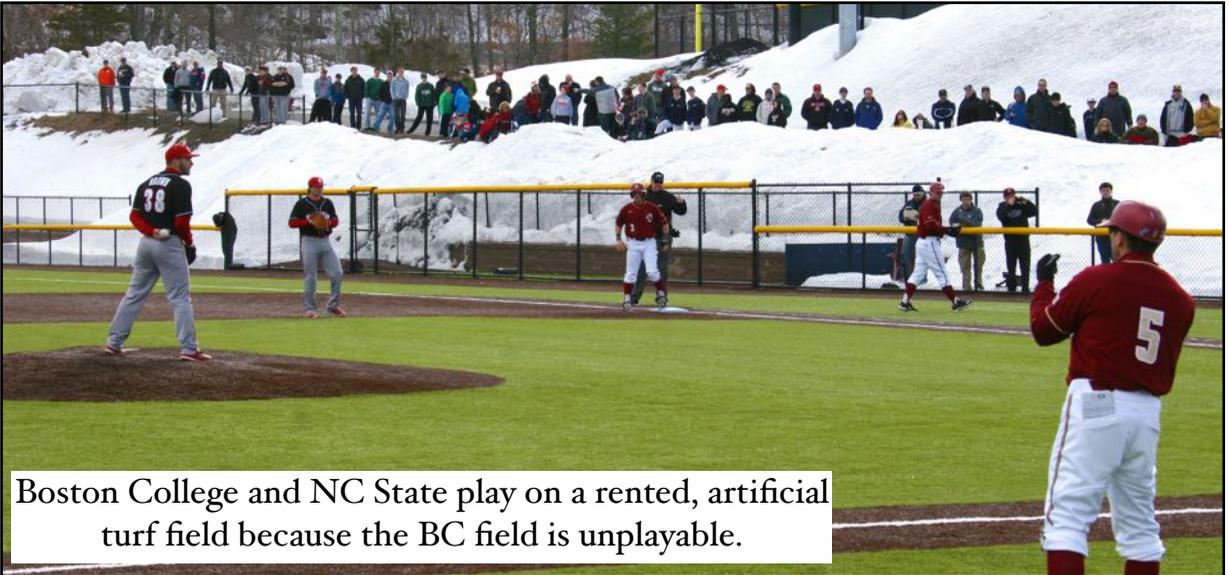
She was born and brought up in Cleveland where her father was head of a special investigative unit of the Cleveland P.D. Donna graduated from college in three years, one of which included studying in Mexico. She majored in accounting and

became a CPA.

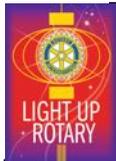
After college she took an accounting job at a NYSE listed manufacturing company while going to law school at night. She rose through

the ranks to become V.P. General Counsel and Secretary of the corporation. "I thought I was going to be here until I retire." But that dream came to an end after 23 1/2 years when the company was the target of a hostile takeover. Donna was going to enjoy some time off but became a consultant to the takeover company and others. She became so busy that she joined a large law firm in Cleveland concentrating on business law, estates and trusts.

Donna decided "I'm not putting up with another of these winters" and came to Florida. After turning down an opportunity in Miami she moved here and has become a partner at Brennan, Manna & Diamond specializing in Business and Estate Planning. She recently sold the house purchased in SWFL in 2006 and will be moving into a new house in Bonita this September. Welcome to Rotary.



Boston College and NC State play on a rented, artificial turf field because the BC field is unplayable.



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. **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. **Scott Gerrish** issue editor.

**Last Week: Scott Vail
Happily drew A ♦ to win
\$100.**



**The 50/50 Still
\$500**

Rotary Sings: *Don't Fence Me In*

Oh give me land, lots of land
Under starry skies above
Don't fence me in

Let me ride through the wide open
Country that I love
Don't fence me in

Let me be by myself in the evening breeze
Listen to the murmur of the cottonwood trees
Send me off forever but I ask you please
Don't fence me in

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?

Your finances. Your future. *Our focus.*

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This Week:

Club Assembly
Sandy Hemstead
Nancy Ross

Birthdays

Jim O'Leary Apr 4

This Morning's Invocation

Almighty God, we thank you for life and all its
components, both good and adverse, because through
both we are strengthened.

We ask for wisdom and strength not our own in order
to make our citizenship and our professional endeavors
worthy examples of life lived with integrity and
compassion.

We intercede for members of this and other clubs
who are experiencing adversity of any kind. Sustain
them by your grace and power. May they be uplifted and
encouraged by the support of their colleagues and
friends.

We offer thanks for the food and purposeful
fellowship received here. We are grateful for the happy
privilege of just being here. Amen