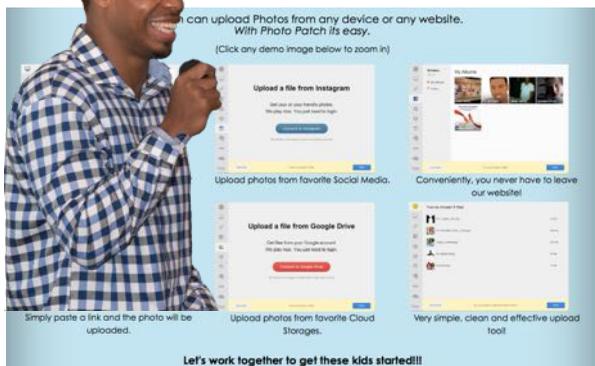




The Spoke



Software Helping Kids



Jason Dolle introduced our speaker, **Antoine Patton**, who has an office near Jason, “This guy is really amazing. Came to town, sees a need, started a non-profit, **The Photo-Patch Foundation**, and has built an amazing network in a short period of time.”

Jason said he was able to relate to the program Antoine has developed. When he was growing up Jason had an “uncle” in prison and knows first hand of the difficulties of communicating with the incarcerated.

Antoine grew up in inner city and suburban Buffalo. He identified a **large group of kids who are the “invisible victims” of incarcerated parents**. There are more than 2.7 million children of in-prison parents in the U.S. The mission of the foundation is to **try to prevent children from following in their parents’ footsteps**. He notes that 50% of the kids in juvenile detention also have a parent incarcerated. **They are trying to break the cycle**

He says relationships need communication. Photo-Patch is helping to make sure the children stay in the parent’s life. While in prison, parents

may be more willing to encourage kids not to get into trouble, **“don’t make the same mistakes I did.”**

Many Children who have an incarcerated parent(s) **have not spoken, seen or in anyway communicated with their parent(s)** in weeks, months and sometimes years. Some of the problems are that prison may be far away, won’t allow email or social media access, and the children don’t use “snail mail.”

Photo Patch asks the children to upload letters and pictures that they would like to send to their parents **using technology the kids already know**. Photo Patch will print, package, sign, seal and ship the mail for them.

...and you, **the Sponsor!**

“Photo Patch reaches out to potential sponsors, asking for a \$5 donation that will go towards a child uploading 20 pictures and a letter. When you opt to pay for a child to send photos and letters to their parent, **Photo Patch will do all of the grunt work**. It's called teamwork!

“We ensure:

- Quality photos and letters are printed.
- Photos and letters are placed in prison-appropriate packaging.
- Envelopes have valid shipping and return addresses.
- Envelopes have sufficient amount of postage attached.
- The child's mail is delivered in a timely fashion.
- Children are notified that their mail has been printed, packaged and shipped.”

LAST WEEK MEETING

President **Tom Briers** presided, week 7. **Kae Moore** presented the invocation; **Brad Piotrowski** led the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Clara Anne Graham** recited the Four-way Test flawlessly. Substitute Song Leader **Jim Dati** led the singing of *The Yellow Rose of Texas*.

Don Thomson rose, made the usual disclaimers about no politicking at Rotary, and said he had the petitions to sign to get **Steve McIntosh's** name on the ballot for the **March Mayoral** election. If enough signatures are gathered, Steve won't have to pay the filing fee.



Sandy Hemstead reported notice from The Rotary Foundation that our **Thailand water project has been completed**. Sandy sent along this photo of little Peruvian girl carrying home a bucket of dirty river water that her mother had just filled. Sandy added this note, **“Its a snapshot that will likely never leave my mind. Such a young child to start carrying water, not to mention that she will drink it! This is what keeps me motivated to write the grants that I do.”**



New Members, Wayne and Vince

Tom performed his first induction ceremony for new members, **Vincent Modarelli** and **Wayne Hemstead**. Vince was sponsored by **Joe Murgalo**. His classification is Communications/News Media. Wayne has joined with Sandy to become an **“alternative family membership.”** Please contact Sandy or Tom if you are interested in a family membership.

Wisconsin fan **Carl Nickel** offered tickets to Packers games August 29th and September 28th. Contact Carl if you're interested.

There will be a **Sunset Cruise Social** on September 24th. Great chance to spend time with fellow Rotarians and spouses and enjoy a special SWFL sunset.

Bob Lombardo reported that the club had contributed \$7,800 for Wheelchairs. When matched by the Wheelchair Foundation, that is enough for 78 chairs. He announced there will be **a tri-club social on September 30th at Artichoke and Company** to present a check to Jack Drury of the Wheelchair Foundation.

Former member **Peter Zahner** is now in Zurich. They will be living in the Algarve region of Portugal. Peter says he has already located an English speaking Rotary club there.

Jon McLeod was pressed into service as Sergeant-at-arms. He fined himself \$2 for spelling Wayne's name wrong on his Red badge. Staff Sergeant Steve McIntosh **reported for duty** and led all the vets in birthday singing to **Nancy Ross**.

Dale Timble had all the "under 45" members sing his birthday greeting. It was a small group that drew some hoots from the old folks.

The birthday prize of the day went to **Gary Murphy** who had seven "adoring" women circle around and sing to him.



TODAY'S SPEAKER

Today's speaker is **Paul Tuebner** a Specialist Leader with Deloitte Consulting's Federal Practice. They provide strategic planning and organizational support to DOD, DOS and USAID clients.

He has served as Senior Development Advisor to the Joint Staff providing policy advice to the

Chairman of the Joint Staff and other senior Pentagon staff **on the integration and synchronization of defense with humanitarian assistance and development.**

Additionally, he has worked as Development Advisor and Director for the U.S. Agency for International Development. (USAID).



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| President-Elect | Steven Slachta |
| Secretary | Jon McLeod |
| Treasurer | Bob Lombardo |
| Sergeant-at-Arms | George M. Cohan III |

Last Week: Claudie Delgado-Feeney drew the 4♥ for \$5



The 50/50 is \$1,151

Rotary Sings: *When Johnny Comes Marching Home*

When Johnny comes marching home again,
Hurrah, hurrah!
We'll give him a hearty welcome then,
Hurrah, hurrah!
The men will cheer, the boys will shout,
The ladies they will all turn out,
And we'll all feel gay,
When Johnny comes marching home.

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?

This Week

Paul Tuebner
Deloitte Consulting

Birthdays

No Birthdays

This Morning's Invocation

O God, we come humbly into your presence by this avenue of prayer, expressing both our gratitude for gifts received, and our yearnings to be used as gifts to others. To that end, grant us visions of service yet unrendered, an awareness of goals yet unattained and hopes yet unrealized. Give us zeal and power to bring to reality the good and worthy things waiting to be done, and confirm our efforts by your assistance without which we labor in vain.

Strengthen us now by food prepared and enjoyed. Enlighten us through productive conversations, and go with us as we return to waiting opportunities to make the day better for others. Amen.

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