



The Spoke

June 8, 2016



DOGS GO TO THE CLUB!

Brad Piotrowski introduced our speaker Mark Dahlberg of the Golden Retriever Rescue of Southwest Florida. The organization is dedicated to finding exceptional homes for exceptional Golden Retrievers and Golden mixes that are homeless, abused, abandoned in shelters, or surrendered by their owners.



Shown from the left, Alecia Galuppo, Mary Beth Dahlberg, and Denny Guyitt, and the dogs they are currently “fostering”. The organization was founded 7 years ago by Alecia and has rescued 690 dogs in that time. Denny’s dog, Sully, was rescued from South Korea.

Mark says, “We don’t have an office. Volunteers work from home. Every dollar raised goes to medical care of the dogs. We have no overhead, no paid salaries, no paid mileage.”

The “Foster” network is the backbone of the organization. These are families that provide a temporary home for rescued dogs and evaluate and report on the dog’s habits and capabilities. These evaluations allow the group to place dogs in the most appropriate home consistent with the dog’s personality and capacity. For instance, Russo, rescued from South Korea is not good with other dogs. He will need to be placed in a home where he is the only dog.



Denny Guyitt is fostering Sully who came from South Korea last fall. So far 19 dogs have been rescued from South Korea.

Mark told us the story of Esther, a 12 year old found at a shelter north of Orlando last December. She tested heart worm positive, was deaf from an ear infection, and had skin disease. Mark and his wife, Mary Beth have been fostering Esther. She is about ready to be available for adoption, "Esther is just a joy to have at home."

Rescued dogs come from Humane Society Shelters and from owners that surrender their dogs because of changing economic or physical circumstances. The group got its first dog from South Korea in January, 2015. Much to Mark's amazement the dog arrived happy and healthy.

South Korea is one of many countries where dogs are raised for human consumption. They don't have the same sense of connection with dogs as we do.

The biggest expense of rescued dogs is medical care. The big unknown is heart worm disease that costs \$500-600 to cure. Foster families are asked to provide food and shelter. The rescue group provides the medical care.

The group has a couple of annual fund raisers, a Facebook page, and monthly events to get the message out. Right now they are looking for a grant writer.

They are always looking for foster homes for newly arrived dogs. Some fosters are dog lovers who travel in summer or are seasonal residents. The short term nature of fostering fits in with their schedules.

The website is: www.GRRSWF.org

Last Week Meeting



President Tom Briers presided. Week 49. (For the accountants in the room, this is a 53-week year). Sara McCallum presented the invocation; Roger Brunswick led the Pledge of Allegiance; and Joe Murgalo, peeking at the new banner, recited the Four Way Test flawlessly.

Substitute Song Leader Jon McLeod refused to lead the singing of By the Light of the Silvery Moon. President Tom then cajoled Roger Brunswick to be the leader. Roger lamented, "Why am I doing this?" After the singing, lead critic Tom reported, "Oh, that was terrible."

Jay Berube is asking us for spare Rotary pins and badges for our Rotary Youth Exchange Student Eva Herreros-Navarro.. Please bring them to the June 8th meeting.

Adam Botana is hosting a Sunset Cruise social on Thursday, June 23rd. Saturday Golf Outings are scheduled for June 11th and July 9th. Please contact Mark McCaw if you are interested.

Marjorie Rubacky, Program Chair, reported that she had 6 monthly speaker chairs lined up and asked for 6 more to complete the year. She was greatly pleased when Steve McIntosh, Donna Marcotte, John Flammang, Sara McCallum, Vince Modarelli, and

Nancy Ross stepped up quickly. A wonderful example of our members willingness to participate.

New Member



John Flammang was the faithful “wheelchair pusher” and attendant while wife Donna was recuperating from surgery. While he was doing this he was recruited to join the club as part of a family membership. President Tom conducted the induction ceremony and Donna, pinned him. John’s classification is Paramedic.

Substitute Sergeant-at-Arms Roger Brunswick welcomed Bill Banfield, recognized visitors and pitched club membership to them.

Kay Moore scores 43!

Evansville Courier & Press.
“Remember When: 50 years ago.”

“Kae Moore, Southern Indiana’s top scorer last season, fired through 43 points Saturday night but it wasn’t enough and his teammates only added 20 as Wheatland edged New Harmony, 69-63. Moore had 18 field goals and seven charity tosses.”



Kae Moore stepped forward to present his Vocational Service Moment. He is now retired but does consulting for development projects. He says, “I’m basically a beggar”, having spent a 30+ year career raising money for universities and YMCAs.

Before getting into the development side of the college business, Kae was a high school and college basketball coach for 10 years.

As a college basketball player, he started out as a

guard, played mostly forward as a junior, and as a center in his senior year despite being only 6'2". His highlight was scoring 16 points in the last 13 minutes in a 98-92 win against DePauw

Kae served in development for Univ. of Southern Indiana, Purdue, and Colorado State. He then spent 5 years working at the Greater St. Louis YMCA. "The YMCA is a very rewarding organization to work for."

He first joined the Rotary Club of W Lafayette, IN in 1987. His children grew up having Ambassadorial Scholars frequently in the house. He has one kid and granddaughter in Boston and another in Sweden with 2 grandchildren. He is planing a trip to Sweden. While there he is going to visit Jim Renfro and see his Art Show.



Kae says, "This is a very good club. I've been in several clubs, this is a club made up of very good people that want to do good things for the our community and world."

This Week Program

Naples Daily News
Bill Barker, Publisher
Manny Garcia, Editor

Wide-eyed Bill Banfield drew the 4♠ to win \$5



The 50/50 is \$1,173

Birthdays

Dick Hamlin June 2

Bob Gillette June 4

Justin Washburn June 9

Rotary Sings:
You're A Grand Old Flag
G. M. Cohan

You're a grand old Flag;
You're a high flying flag
And forever in peace may you wave.
You're the Emblem of the Land I love,
The home of the free and the brave

Every heart beats true
Under Red, White, and Blue
And there's never a boast or brag
Should old acquaintance be forgot
Keep your eye on the Grand Old Flag!!!

This Morning's Invocation

Good and gracious God, as we enjoy this segment of our day in the context of our Club, help us to keep vividly in mind the principles of Rotarianism in our dealing with the world and in our relationships with others.

We intercede this day for all who suffer and for all who labor to alleviate suffering.

Grant wisdom to those who govern, strength to all who serve, courage to all who strive for truth and integrity in all phases of life.

Bless our local efforts to serve others, to infuse our community with the proven principles we espouse, and to be standard bearers for truth in our spheres of influence.

Bless and strengthen us through food and fellowship for the pursuit of our purposes as a Club.
Amen.