



# The Spoke

November 30, 2016



The 5k “End Polio Now” was on Saturday, November 19th. Here **Wendy Arsenault** and **Wayne Hemstead** are at the the finish line. Wendy was first in her age division, Wayne second in his.



The overall winner was 15 year old Hugh Brittenham from Ft Myers and the 3D track club.



5k chairman **Brian “Ultra” Olitsky** gave the runners a briefing on the importance of “End Polio Now” before getting the race started.

Race photos may be found at:  
<https://goo.gl/photos/CY8VmGzWRwwAJHJm7>



## Veteran's Memorial Walkway



**Bob Lombardo** announced that he will be hawking Veteran's Bricks for the The **Veterans Memorial Walkway Brick** Program.

The program was created to provide permanent tribute to all veterans of the past and present. The name of each veteran remembered in the Memorial Walkway recalls the duties each one bore and the sacrifices of the ones they left behind.



There is still an opportunity for friends and family of soldiers to honor their heroes by dedicating bricks. Today the Veterans Memorial Walkway is home to approximately 150 Veterans' bricks which border the 100 American flags that majestically line the walkway for Veterans' events.

The cost is \$80; \$40 for the brick and \$40 goes to support needy local veterans. Please contact Bob for forms and information.

## Annual club Christmas Party (last year photos)



**Tom Briers** says that the annual Christmas Party will be at the Colony Bay Club Wednesday, December 14th. “We had a great time last year and we’re looking forward to another this year.” There will be a sit-down dinner, 2 drinks and music. \$65/pp.



## Last Week..20

President **Steven Slachta** called the meeting to order. **Donna Marcotte** presented the invocation; **Bill Banfield** led the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Adam Botana** treated us to his version of the Four Way Test.



**Wayne Hemstead** stepped forward and presented Veteran's Rotary pins to **Carl Bals** and **Mark Generales**. He then led the singing of *New York New York* which sounded good.

**Bob Lombardo** reported we had contributed about \$1,300 to the Rebeca Olivera Scholarship Fund. The Foundation will match the amount.

**Tom Burgess**, Rotaract chair, rose to thank

**Adam Botana** for treating two boatloads of Rotaractors to a cruise in the local waters. The kids had a great time.

**Wendy Arsenault** reported that Poinsettia sales are about 300 plants behind last year. There will be plenty of plants at the tent for individual purchase.

**Mary Saunders**, manpower scheduler for the Christmas Tree Tent, reminded us that if you need to cancel a shift please find a substitute to cover the vacancy.

**Sara McCallum** rose to tell us about the **Santa in the Sand** community give-back event we are co-sponsoring with the Friends of Lover's Key, **Monday December 19th**. We will be collecting unwrapped toys, which the club will distribute to local children. Each child (aged 8 and under) who donates an unwrapped toy will visit with Santa and receive a small gift. Lunch will be provided for the children, and snacks for adults.



Each family in attendance will be given a chance to win a fully decorated Christmas Tree donated by the club. The club has donated \$250 to help the program plus the Christmas tree.

Sara **needs volunteers** from 11-2 pm or 2-5 pm. This is a really good opportunity to give back at Christmas time.

Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms **Bill Banfield** made a timely appearance to cover for the missing Roger Brunswick. After a hearty, “Gooooood morning, Rotarians”, Bill told a couple of jokes (?). He got some laughs on the second one.

Bill noted that member **Jason Dolle** had his picture and a story on the front page of the News-Press. Bill fined him \$5 for not mentioning Rotary in the story.

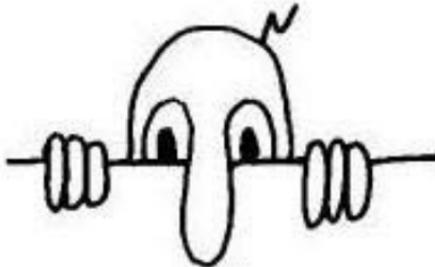
**Dave Langendorfer**(rr) pleaded that his birthday was “next week”. Bill told him “we’re not going to be here next week” and arranged a shout-out for Dave’s birthday.

**Peter Ferner**, visiting from Bavaria, explained the military origin of the “hunting signals” he plays for us on his bugle. This week he played “Call to the field.”



***This Week***

***Club Assembly***



50/50 \$701

47 Cards

**Drew Montez-Clark drew  
the 2♣ for \$5**



**The 50/50 is \$701**

***Birthdays***

**Greg Holtz Dec 1**

**Carl Bals Dec 2**

**Brad Piotrowski Dec 4**

## **Rotary Sings: Are You Sleeping?**

Are you sleeping, are you sleeping?  
Brother John, Brother John?  
Morning bells are ringing,  
morning bells are ringing  
Ding dong ding, ding dong ding.

Frère Jacques, Frère Jacques,  
Dormez-vous? Dormez-vous?  
Sonnez les matines, sonnez les matines  
Ding dong ding, ding dong ding.

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

Good and gracious God, comfort and sustain members of our Club who are experiencing adversity of any kind.

Use each of us as an agent of help and hope to our fellow Rotarians and to others who might benefit from our encouragement.

Help all of us to realize that even out of adversities, blessings frequently come.

As physical beings we appreciate the physical things of life but help us to be even more grateful for the spiritual realities which give meaning to all of life.

For gifts of food and fellowship we offer thanks, but also for faith and hope. Grant us your consolation and peace. Amen.

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