

Bonita The Spoke

January 25th, 2017



The New Guy



President Steven Slachta inducted **Bill Benson** as the newest member of the club. Bill was sponsored by **Jason Dolle**. His classification is financial advisor. Bill is a principal of Benson, Blackburn, LLC, specializing in family enterprise consulting work, owner succession, and exit planning.

..and Blue Badges to



Secretary Claudie Delgado-Feeney presented blue membership badges to John Flammang and Heber Paulin, signifying their completion of the initial tasks of incoming members.

Last Week.. 29President **Steven Slachta** convened the meeting.



Area 3 Assistant Governor **Sally Smith** presented the invocation; **Roger Brunswick** led the Pledge of Allegiance; and visiting Rotarian **Millard Pray** delivered the Four Way Test.

Song Leader **Wayne Hemstead** gave us some history and then led the singing of America the Beautiful.

Sandy Hemstead announced that she and Wayne will be traveling to India to help with polio inoculations.

Jon McLeod announced that the election of directors and secretary for 2016-17 would be next week. Anyone interested in these positions should contact Jon.



Millard Pray from the Rotary Club of Estero showed off his shorts and told us of the upcoming Four Club Social, Wednesday, February 15th, 6-8pm at Artichoke and Company. The proceeds are for the Wheelchair Foundation. Cost is \$20/pp. There will be a cash bar.



Jim Dati, President of the club's foundation, presented the Rotary Minute. The Foundation was chartered in 1997. Last year it granted about \$75,000 including \$24,500 in educational scholarships. The foundation has \$224,000 in the educational endowment fund and has a goal of \$500,000. So far this year, the foundation has granted \$42,000 of requests. Jim says, "Look in the mirror and see one person who can make a difference with your time, talent, and treasure."

Sergeant-at-Arms **Roger Brunswick** took the mike to try to fine scooters, introduce guests, and celebrate **Bob Rosier**'s birthday with a shout-out.

Rotaractors come to the meeting



Wayne Hemstead with Rotaractors Alexis LaSalle, Nicolai Ward, and Maurissa Russell

Students, Faculty of the Month



Steve McIntosh came forward with the honorees and mothers for the teachers and students of the month from Estero High School. Steve noted that this is 20th year anniversary of the Interact Club at the school.

Norm Heyboer and **Steve Fisher** were selected as faculty of the month. "They both are the 'go to' faculty members who always go above and beyond and never seem to say no when it benefits the students and school..."

In catching up with the academic and service students, two terrific candidates were chosen. **Camryn DeWitt** is a junior with a 4.62 GPA. She was recently awarded Service Students the Semester for the Interact Club. Her favorite service projects was Dictionary Day.

Joel Reyes is a senior with a 4.3 GPA. He wants to study accounting at UF or UCF. His favorite service project was the Coastal Clean-up. His part time job lately is applying for scholarships.



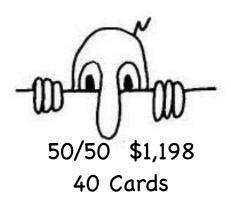
Carl Schwing introduced our speaker, **Shelly Redovan**, Deputy Director of the Lee County Mosquito Control District. She is a long time Florida resident, a trained biologist, with a career in mosquito control.

The LCMCD is the largest district in Florida, covering 98% of the 100 square miles of Lee County. (Fort Myers Beach has its own district).

The district uses 11 helos, 4 fixed wing aircraft and 13 trucks to apply Ultra Low Volume applications of chemicals as needed.

This Week

Tiffany Esposito:
President &CEO,
BS Chamber of Commerce



Guest Speaker Shelly Redovan drew the Q♣ for \$5



The 50/50 is \$1,198

Birthdays

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Rotary Sings: Puff the Magic Dragon

Puff, the magic dragon lived by the sea
And frolicked in the autumn mist
in a land called Honnah Lee
Little Jackie Paper loved that rascal Puff
And brought him strings and sealing wax and
other fancy stuff, oh!

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This Morning's Invocation

Dear God, whose existence we humbly and grate- fully acknowledge, within whose providence we have been held since last we gathered here, and from whose beneficent hand we have received bounties unnum bered, bless now this gathering with Your Presence.

Be with us at these tables that our fellowship will be wholesome and meaningful, and that the noble purposes of our club will receive our renewed commit- ment."

In all of life's interactions, help us to cleave to everything true and fair, and to unselfishly seek to benefit others in the spirit of good will.

We pray in the name and spirit of the Lord whose example we have been challenged to follow. Amen.

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