



The Spoke



May 31st, 2017

Locals rise to the top at 6960 District Conference



Bobbi Bird installed as DG

Bobbi Bird is installed as District 6960 DG for 2017-18 at the District Conference. Bobbi is shown with, from the left, Husband Henry Bird, Rotary International Trustee Mike McGovern, and current 6960 DG Ladd Waldo. Congratula-

tions Bobbi!

Bobbie was a member of the Freeport, ME club before transferring here. She is a Past President and, in 2013, Bonita Springs Citizen of the Year.

Sandy gets an Award



District Governor Elect, **Sandy Hemstead**, center was awarded The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service that recognizes outstanding service to The Rotary Foundation and embodies the motto of Doing Good in the World. She is shown here with Margaret and Peter Kyle. Peter is chairman of the International Committee that oversees and selects our Peace Scholars.

Last Week Meeting...47

Next President **Jon McLeod** was at the helm. He started early with a Meet & Greet before some people finished breakfast. **Heber Paulin** presented the invocation; **Roger Brunswick** led the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Wendy Aresenault** was well prepared to recite the Four Way Test.



Wayne Hemstead and **Heber Paulin** treated us to a rousing rendition of *America the Beautiful*. Wayne told us that next year's District Conference will be at the Hyatt in **Bonita Springs**.

Foundation Directors Election

Tom Briers is accepting nominations for Directors of the club's Foundation. This is a three year term starting July 1st. Contact Tom if you are interested.

Revenue Shortfall

Jon told us that changes made to the format of the Reverse Raffle and the Christmas Party had **reduced the club's revenue by \$20-25,000**. The Foundation is currently donating more than that so we are looking for money raising ideas.

Saturday Golf

Mark McCaw reports the Saturday Golf is ready to start up. Please contact Mark if you would like to be on the email list.

Roger Brunswick Time

Roger acknowledged "a small but mighty group of Rotarians." He managed a delayed celebration shout-out for **Wayne Neller**. Then he had Claudie Delgado-Feeney read the Four Way Test in Spanish. She said, "You have to repeat after me."

Happy and Sad \$.

Wayne Hemstead was happy to be back from the District Conference. **Clara Anne Graham** reported she had thrown out, on one bounce, the first pitch at a Marlins game. **Heber Paulin** was happy to celebrate his youngest son's fourth birthday. **Marjorie Rubacky** applauded the designation of the Everglades Wonder Garden as a historic site.



Don Manley noted that although Roger was a proponent of the Blue Zones Project, there was no observable improvement in his girth.

Last Week Program



Wayne Hempstead, a volunteer at the **Naples Therapeutic Riding Center**, introduced our speaker, his boss, **Missy Saracino**. In 2008 she became a part-time staff member of NTRC as Volunteer Coordinator for Saturday lessons. Currently, Missy serves as NTRC's Program Director.

Missy grew up in State College, Pennsylvania and graduated from Penn State University with a B.S. in Recreation, Parks, and Tourism Management with an emphasis in Commercial and Community Recreation.

NTRC mission

The mission of Naples Therapeutic Riding Center is to **improve the lives of children and adults with special needs through therapeutic riding and other equine-related programs.**

Today, NTRC is serving about 500 individuals per year through its various programs, which include therapeutic riding for individuals with disabilities, Equine-Facilitated Learning and Equine-Facilitated Psychotherapy programs as well as summer inclusion camps and outreach programs. Participants range in age from 2 to 87 years old.

The therapeutic riding programs offered at NTRC foster growth and confidence, empowering riders living with cerebral palsy, Down's syndrome, ADHD, autism spectrum, traumatic brain injury, multiple sclerosis, stroke survivors and developmental delay.

There's a Party Coming UP!

Rick Perry, President of the Rotary Club of Bonita Beach Sunset announces his club will host the **Summer Solstice Family Beach Bash** Saturday, June 24, 3 - 9 pm at Lovers Key State Park Pavilion.

This is a multi-club, new-Area 2, social for ALL Rotarians, their families including children, friends and prospective club members.

There is a tram for a short ride to the beach pavilion from the parking lot. The State Park charges visitors \$2 each or \$8 per car; and there is no other charge except for food, drink, renting kayaks, paddle boards or purchasing raffle tickets. The Raffle will benefit the Rotary sponsored **Josh The Otter** program.

There will be **LIVE Music**..the great SCS Band (Southern Rock/Country).

Food and Drink

While no alcoholic beverages are allowed to be brought in the State Park; Artichoke & Co. will sell beer, wine & margarita's at the pavilion, along with non-alcoholic beverages (\$1-\$5). FOOD: Beach Grill-out with Hamburgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers, shrimp-peel, snacks and ice cream (\$1-\$5).

Wanna Help Out?

Rick is asking if your club or club members could see the way to provide a sponsorship of \$300 to defray the \$2,000 cost to rent the Gazebo & equipment, etc..., that would be greatly appreciated on the Family Fun Day! 1rickperry@gmail.com

There will be a Toast to World Peace & Conflict Resolution at 8:15 pm on the beach (Sunset is 8:23).

Thanks from a Scholarship Kid

Steve McIntosh sends this report.

“This morning, I met with **Patrick Shipman** and gave him his final scholarship award (fourth year/ \$1,500). He's a rising senior at the University of Miami, who will graduate with honors and move to medical school. His career objective is international public health.

“As a student he continues as a leader in community projects (Habitat, Camp Tessa for children with cancer, and more).

“Patrick's comment was ‘**My experience in the Interact Club formulated my commitment to community service.**’

“Thank you for making a difference in the education of our next community leaders. Steve Mc ”

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?

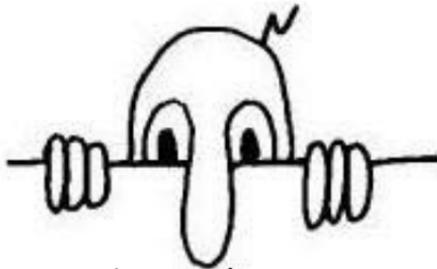
Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all
concerned?

Upcoming Events

June 10-14 Rotary International Convention in
Atlanta, Georgia.

Saturday, June 24th, 3 - 9 pm **Summer
Solstice Family Beach Bash** at Lovers Key
State Park Pavilion.

**This Week
Wayne & Sandy
In India during National
Immunization Day**



50/50 \$2,425±

16 Cards Left

**Bob Lombardo drew the
K ♥ for \$5**



The 50/50 is \$2,425±

Birthdays

**Dick Fredrickson May 28
Ray Faubion May 29**

Rotary Sings: God Bless America

God bless America, land that I love,
Stand beside her and guide her
Through the night with a light from above.

From the mountains, to the prairies,
To the oceans white with foam,
God bless America, my home sweet home.
God bless America, my home sweet home.

This Morning's Invocation

Good and gracious God, in this week of national and personal remembering of honored dead, we offer our gratitude for the benefits and blessings we have received from the work and influence of those whom we remember.

Revive in us an appreciation for our heritage, and a renewed awareness of our present responsibility as citizens and as Rotarians.

As we act with integrity, serve with love and strive for peace, grant that conflicts in society may be resolved and overtures of peace may be eagerly embraced. Through us may enmity and hatred give way to respect and loving concern.

Bless to our use today the food of which we partake, the fellowship in which we participate, and the purposes to which we give ourselves in service. Amen.

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