

The Spoke



October 18th, 2017

Last Week Program: Medical Marijuana

Steve Slachta introduced our speaker Bonita Springs City Attorney **Audrey Vance**.



She attended both UF and U of Miami, making her a "gator-cane". In June of 2000, the Bonita Springs City Council chose her as City Attorney, and since that time, she has been responsible for **all aspects of the legal needs** of the City of Bonita Springs.

Audrey asked us to put ourselves in the shoes of the City Council while considering the issue of **allowing/not allowing Medical Marijuana** Treatment Centers in the city. The Florida Office of Medical Marijuana Use rules are: "Approved medical marijuana treatment centers are the only businesses allowed to grow, process, or sell medical marijuana in Florida. Each medical marijuana treatment center must receive authorization at three stages, (1) cultivation authorization, (2) processing authorization, and (3) dispensing authorization, prior to dispensing low-THC or medical marijuana..."

So the issue facing the Councilors is whether to:

- A. Allow dispensing outlets
- B. Temporarily ban dispensing outlets
- C. Permanently ban dispensing outlets.

Among the complications are that pharmacies are restricted by Federal Law from distributing medical marijuana and it <u>cannot be mailed</u>.

There are now approved "Treatment Centers" are able to **dispense prescriptions and/or deliver** prescriptions by courier. About 1,000 physicians have been approved to prescribe.

It is interesting to note that current Florida law **prohibits patients from smoking** low-THC cannabis or medical marijuana. This means that patients should not have whole flower as part of their order. Florida law does not allow for home grow of low-THC cannabis or medical marijuana.

ding...Ding. President **Jon McLeod** brought the meeting to attention. **Ray Faubion** presented the invocation; **Roger Brunswick** led the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Scott Anderson** gave a "no look" performance of the Four Way Test.

Scott Anderson volunteered to lead singing of *Shine on Harvest Moon*. His effort earned a "very good" from Jon. Jon's criticism of the published lyrics proved to be just another presidential complaint about the press.

Jon said the effort at Imperial and Dean wrapped up on Monday. He praised the work of **Don Manley**; **Jessica Berube**, South Fort Myers Sunset Club; **Kelsey Scoggins**, Sunset Club; and **Tom Patricca** and **Millard Pray** of the Estero Club. Over 200 families were helped with mucking and gutting and removing trees and debris.



Vince Modarelli who joined Habitat for Humanity as Major Gifts Officer last May announced that RI is designating Habitat as an official Rotary partner. Habitat and Rotary aim to bring people together to build homes, communities, and hope. Habitat says the shared values make the partnership a perfect match.

The local Habitat Executive Board has made a decision to shift some of their mission to rebuilding Irma damaged homes. They are working now with Sandy Hemstead to develop the details.

Vince again announced the "wall raising" on a new home sponsored by Adam Botana, his family, and the Bay Water Exclusive Boat Club. A wonderful gesture to help transform the life of a local family.

Jon praised the disaster aid USA ambassadors who spent three weeks with us. **Disaster aid USA is a project of Rotarians, not Rotary International.** Here the local clubs leaders are considering developing a disaster aid USA branch in SWFL.

Roger Brunswick says **Dictionary Distribution Day will be Friday, October 27th.** We are responsible for three local elementary schools. Please contact Roger if you want to help.

Jon had previously asked to a catchy name for the "booze boat" prize of the upcoming raffle. He received 10 suggestions, all from Wayne Hemstead. The winner: **Spirits of Bonita**. The "launch" of the money raiser will be at the November Club Assembly.

Jim Horein said he was pleased to be back. "I came back early because I wanted to extend this heroic effort that was going on...**What a proud group to be part of...**" Jim is helping with a Bonita Bay employee's recovery efforts.



Last week **Trina Carbonneau** offered \$7 as her birthday offering. After learning that the vigorish was supposed to be \$1 per year, she offered up the other \$40 in small unmarked bills.



Claudie Delgado introduced her guests, Freddy and Yuri Tames. They are Methodist ministers from Cuba. It was Freddy's 36th birthday so we gave a valiant try at singing "Feliz cumpleaños" for him.

Roger organized a **shout-out for Scott Ander-son** to celebrate his birthday.



From: The Spoke archives:

10 Years ago

Our Shots for Tots program, which Rotary has sponsored for 13 years, in cooperation with the Lee County Health Department and the First Presbyterian Church, provides free immunizations for children under the age of 18 to protect them from 15 threats to their long-time health and well-being. The October 2 clinic, staffed by Ira and Clarice Hawk, served 42 families.

5 Years ago

It was with genuine and heartfelt affection that we congratulated **Marjorie Rubacky** on being named **Bonita Springs Citizen of the Year**. Presenting the award Ann Weinberg, quoted in the Naples News observed of Marjorie,

"By serving others while conducting herself with such polite dignity and grace, we are inspired and given hope for ourselves and the entire human family."

Congratulations once again Marjorie...and thank you.

Under the leadership of PDG Pete Doragh, our district has established a **Donor Advised Fund** with The Rotary Foundation that will be used for club projects to help our communities. This will be important with what will likely be a long term recovery effort. Please consider reaching out to your out of state Rotary contacts, snowbirds, friends and others who may be interested in donating to Irma Relief.

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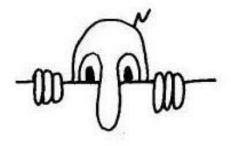


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This Week Tamika Seaton-Executive Pirector-FL Lions Eye Clinic



50/50 \$700± 38 Cards Left Including 2 Aces, Joker

Lucky Mark Generales drew the 4 tor \$5



The 50/50 is \$700±

Birthdays

John Flammang Oct 21

Rotary Sings: He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

He's got the whole world in His hands He's got the whole wild world in His hands He's got the whole wild world in His hands He's got the whole world in His hands

He's got the little bitty baby in His hands He's got the little bitty baby in His hands He's got the little bitty baby in His hands He's got the whole world in His hands He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's got you and me brother in His hands He's got you and me sister in His hands He's got you and me brother in His hands He's got the whole world in His hands He's got the whole world in His hands...

This Morning's Invocation

Good and gracious God, in the midst of the massive, contrasting, colorful organization called Rotary, please honor the efforts of single individuals as well.

No matter what our station may be, help us to be diligent and faithful wherever in Your Providence we find ourselves. Help us to be true to the values we espouse as Rotarians. Strengthen us as we persevere in efforts to reclaim the virtue which have been trampled by the rush of secularism in our society.

As we share our meal today, we are reminded again of the blessings and provisions of our needs, which are ultimately traceable to Your Goodness.

Bless also the fellowship we enjoy and the good we seek to do through our club. Amen.

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