



The Spoke

April 27, 2016



Installation and Awards Banquet



Steve Slatcha

The annual Installation and Awards Banquet was held Saturday night at the Bonita Bay Club. Officers for the 2016-2017 year were installed; Steve Slatcha, President; Jon McLeod, President-Elect; and Dr. Claudie Delgado-Feeney, Secretary.

Steve was welcomed by District Governor Cyndi Doragh, directors and past club presidents.



Marjorie Rubacky gets President's Award



Bob Lombardo wins Service Above Self Award



Scott Gerrish Named Rotarian of the Year



President Tom Briers and DG Cyndi Doragh present a Major Donor Award to Hal Cooper and his wife.



Steve Slachta and his family present a memento (that is already framed) to Tom Briers



DG Cyndi Doragh presents
Paul Harris Award +3 to Bobbi Bird



Frank Mazzeo get Paul Harris +2



DG Cyndi Doragh presents
Paul Harris Award +3 to Nancy Ross,
Gary Price, and Ray Faubion



Rex Sims is recognized for Paul Harris +4



DG Cyndi Doragh presents
Paul Harris Certificate and PH +1 pin
to
Bob Gillette



Kae Moore MC'd the Paul Harris Awards



Last Week Program

Peter O'Flinn introduced our speaker, new club member Karen Full. Karen is recruiter, mentor, and strategist at the The Immokalee Foundation. She had spent most of her career in college admissions and enrollments, recently at USF and U of Tampa. She is passionate about helping students from all backgrounds and income levels succeed.



Karen Full

The mentoring program of The Immokalee Foundation has had great results. 100 percent of The Immokalee Foundation students who participate in its programs graduate from high school, and 97 percent of TIF students who graduate from high school attend college or a vocational postsecondary educational program.

Last Week Meeting

President Tom Briers presided. Week 43. Tom took it upon himself to deliver the invocation; George Cohan led the Pledge of Allegiance; and Chris Riesen articulated the Four Way Test flawlessly. Ron Anderson tested us on a couple of factoids before leading singing of Home on the Range.

George Cohan Time

George Cohan, not as nervous as in other years, announced he had 35 unsold, uncommitted Reverse Raffle tickets. Call George on his cell phone if you can help. He says don't plan on arriving at the venue early. "Doors won't be open until 5:55 PM."

There were no birthdays. George was grasping for some entertainment when up popped Jim Horein. George said, "Jim, you need a haircut." JH, "I'm happy to have it [the hair]". GC, "You know it will grow back after you cut it, don't you."

Jim says, "Most of us know that money doesn't buy happiness,....but I have learned that it's a lot more fun to cry and whine in a Corvette than on a bicycle." Jim continued, "George, you and I know that people who act like they know everything are a real irritation...especially to you and me.. who **do** know it all."

George ended with an exhortation, "Do something nice for someone today!"

Santa in the Sand

Bob Lombardo rose to discuss a "brand new, just thought of" project working with the Friends of Lover's Key. The idea is a Christmas celebration with Santa giving presents to kids. The entry fee would be an unwrapped toy that would be distributed to needy kids with the help of Rotarians. Susan

Schmitt has volunteered to coordinate the club's effort and already has several volunteers.

Bob reported the Nautical Flea Market had netted more than \$16,000 and our share was more than \$8,000.

The Clock Dedication

Bob told us about the Rotary Clock that will be installed where the Banyan tree is. "We were the driving force" in getting the clock in partnership with the noon club and the city. Tentatively there will be a installation ceremony on Thursday, May 19th, and possibly a club social after the official winding of the clock.

Two New Guys



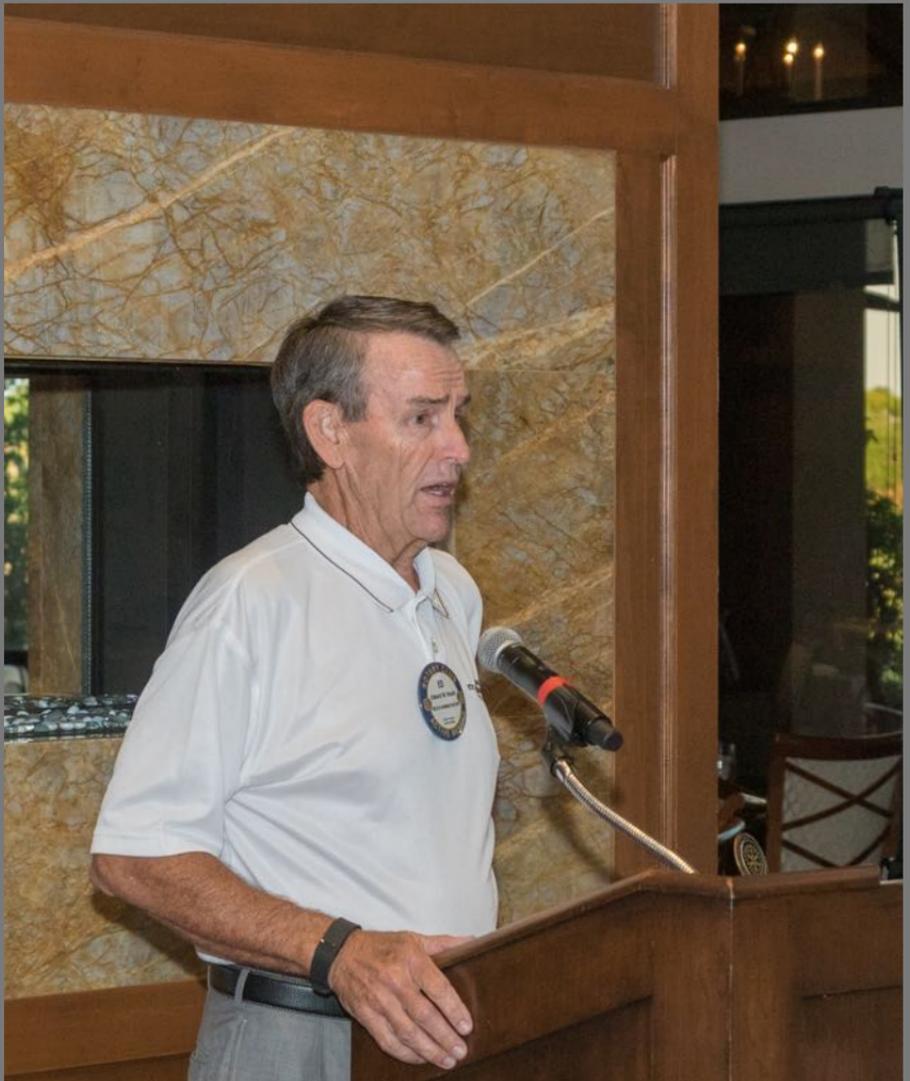
Wayne Neller was proposed by Rotarian Rex Sims. His classification is Clergy/Minister.

Justin Washburn was proposed by Rotarian Morgan Eldridge. His classification is Single Source Marketing, Advertising and Promotions Provider.



Vocational Service Moment

Today's Vocational Service Moment was presented by Ed Houck. Ed has been a Rotarian since 1985, first with a Sarasota club then joining here in 2000. Here, he organized a fund raising golf tournament and is a member of the Foundation Board.



Dr. Edward W. Houck, Phd. currently serves as Chief Executive Officer of the Health Planning Council of Southwest Florida Inc. He previously served as CEO of vice president and COO of Sarasota Memorial Hospital. Ed

has a Doctorate Degree in Public Health and Hospital Administration from the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. He has held teaching appointments at Florida Gulf Coast University, College of St. Frances, and the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center.

He is also Partner in Charge of the Estero Medical Center. The Estero Medical Center is a large multi-specialty physician alliance in the Estero Community. It's teams of physicians and clinicians operate with a shared goal of providing quality healthcare services and state-of-the-art technology to meet the changing needs of residents and visitors of Southwest Florida.

Ed and Cheryl have 6 children and 7 grandchildren between them. Ed says he is not yet retired because, "I have 7 grandchildren. Between football, basketball, soccer, dance, ballet, Boy Scouts, and our annual family vacation, that's why I'm not retired."

He says, "Professionally and personally Rotary has been unbelievable for me. It's been just fantastic. And when I travel I have attended several other clubs and this is by far the best Rotary Club I have ever seen and I'm really proud to be a member."

This Week's Program

Rick Gallo, Chair of the West Coast President's Council of Make-A-Wish, will be our speaker. His group raised \$210,000 in a January fund-raiser to grant the wishes of local children with life-threatening medical conditions.

**“Yo” Jon McLeod
drew the K♣ to win \$5**



The 50/50 is \$958

Birthdays

Adam Botana April 27

Steve Hiatt April 30

Gerry Myers May 2

Mark McCaw May 3

Frank Kinzie(rr) May 3

Rotary Sings:
Somewhere Over the Rainbow

Somewhere over the rainbow
Way up high
And the dreams that you dreamed of
Once in a lullaby

Someday I'll wish upon a star
And wake up where the clouds are far behind me
Where trouble melts the lemon drops
High above the chimney tops
That's where you'll find me

Somewhere over the rainbow
Blue birds fly
And the dreams that you dreamed of
Dreams really do come true

This Morning's Invocation

God, we gather once again as men and women committed to the values espoused by Rotarians everywhere, values and virtues desperately needing to be infused in our culture. We believe the qualities which characterize Rotarianism at its best have their origin in Your will and purpose. We pray, therefore, for divine assistance as we seek to so integrate them into our social, business and professional structures, that they become the accepted basis for behavior.

Bless now the food provided for our use and enjoyment, and use the congeniality of our fellowship as a winsome witness to the quality of our togetherness. Accept our gratitude for all gifts and challenges which come from Your hand.
Amen.