



Kitty Green, President and CEO for Habitat for Humanity, Lee and Hendry County, started as a volunteer and then a board member. During her first build, noting that one of the other volunteers was actually the future homeowner made her realize, “she was like me” and that we are all the same. Some of us are born into easier circumstances. Giving others a hand up can make all the difference in their lives. Habitat is sustainable in that it is not a gift—homeowners pay an affordable mortgage and that money comes back to the organization to build more homes. Their success rate—less than 1% default—is due to the homeowner becoming completely invested by attending workshops. Habitat is a business—they’re a homebuilder, a rehabber, and a mortgage company. They built 58 homes last year and hope to build 64 this year with 6,000 volunteers and 1,200 donors. Faced with high land costs and the same fees as other for profit builders, there are many challenges to find affordable housing. The Attainable Housing Action Committee along with a Metrix Work group will work together to find solutions.

Roger asked why no ladies were at the table with Mark McCaw, Don Manley, Chris Reisen and was told there was one but she left. Only Don Manley came forward to tell the truth. Mark was both happy and sad that his daughter was getting married but that money was flying out of his pocket.

<p>Birthdays Richard Garner Nov 29 Greg Holtz Dec 1</p>
<p>This Week’s Speaker Jon McLeod Club Assembly</p>

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.

Rotary Sings: **O Christmas Tree**
 O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree!
 Thy leaves are so unchanging;
 Not only green when summer’s here,
 But also when ‘tis cold and drear.
 O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree!
 Thy leaves are so unchanging.

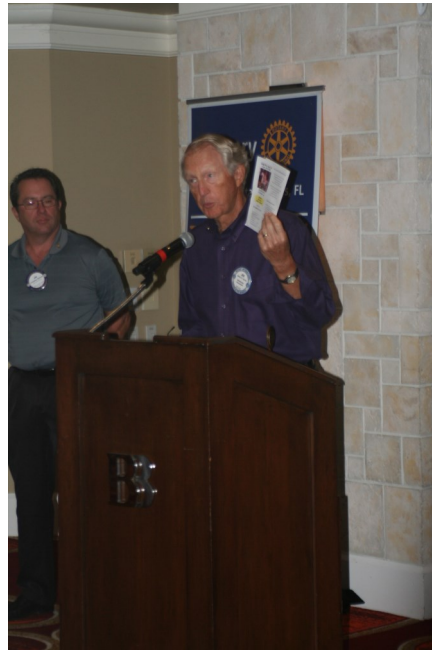
O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree,
 Your branches green delight us!
 They are green when summer days are bright,
 They are green when winter snow is white.
 O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree,
 Your branches green delight us!

O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree,
 Forever true your color.
 Your boughs so green in summertime
 Stay bravely green in wintertime.
 O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree
 Forever true your color.



Jim deviated from the printed invocation as he usually does, in order to be thankful for many things, including how proud he is to call Don Manley a friend. Don was recognized by President Jon for yet another article on his participation in Hurricane Irma relief efforts. Don replied, “It’s hell to be popular.”!

Chuck Spear announced the Learn to Earn project, creating a mentoring and scholarship program for young people in Tech Schools, The Club will hear more about this in the near future.



Notable Notes

If you have not already signed up to work 2-3 shifts and you don't have a great reason why you can't help, please sign up now! We are in desperate need of help, especially through this first weekend of the sale.

Club Social, Tuesday, November 28, Momentum Brewhouse, \$25 per person includes delicious snacks and a refreshing beer.

Anna, the Rotary Exchange student currently staying with the Patriccas, is looking for a new host family as her home Clubs wants her have a new experience for 3 months. Be thinking about whether you can host Anna in your home.

Next week is Club Assembly with breakout sessions on the Nautical Market and Spirits of Bonita. Also, 3 new members will be inducted and a whopping 38 new Paul Harris fellows.



The 50/50
 Tom Briers did not win!
 The pot is now \$1,100±