



Adam did the invocation, Roger lead us in the pledge, Mary presented the Four Way Test. Mark G. led us in a rousing rendition of Jingle Bells after providing a history of the song! Donna reminded all of the Holiday Party and Bob L. instructed everyone to pay in person or on the website. Jim auctioned off some sampler packs of beer and Johnsonville Brauts. Sarah reported on Santa in the Sand— with our Club and Friends of Lover’s Key. Over 100 kids came to meet Santa and toys and a tree were delivered to New Horizons, as well as everything left over from the event. Roger took money for scooters as well as those not wearing their pins! He also suggested that next year folks can just pay ahead for their fines. Adam and Dave S. had some Happy Dollars for a great boat parade for Adam and spending time with his grandson for Dave.



Paul Gavin presented “You Are In Charge. You Decide”, in which he describes how he personally communicates on a regular basis—make only positive comments. Never make negatives comments—which take 5 positive comments to get back to neutral. Compliment people all day long. Always ask how you’re doing and how you can do better—with your staff, your family, your spouse. The problem with asking is that you’ll get an answer! When you disagree with a person’s position, never attack the person. Seek to understand the underlying reason someone wants something. You determine 40% of your happiness. It is the journey, not the destination.



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Birthdays (Dec 17 - Dec 25)

- Mike O’Dell Dec 18
- Carl Nickel Dec 22
- Peter O’Flinn Dec 23
- Scott Gerrish Dec 25

This week’s program:

Dr. Alan Weiss, President & CEO
NHC Health Care Systems

Song:

We Wish You a Merry Christmas

We Wish You a Merry Christmas
 We wish you a merry Christmas,
 We wish you a merry Christmas
 And a happy New Year.

Good tidings we bring
 To you and your kin;
 Good tidings for Christmas,
 And a happy New Year.

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This Morning’s Invocation

Most Holy God, to whom we turn in the midst of Christmas and Hanukkah celebrations, we are thankful for the meaning of these holidays.

In our respective worship situations outside of Rotary, we pray that inspiration may be gained to better fulfill our Rotarian calling of looking to the needs of others. Make us zealous to accomplish more.

Bless all special family gatherings held during these holidays. Bless our guests who have come to share with us. With grateful hearts we acknowledge the gift of food and the opportunity for fellowship.

Keep us in your loving care until we meet again. Amen.

Notable Notes

5 Years ago

Last Sunday morning Sandy Scoggins snapped a photo of Rick Barber and Frank Mazzeo as they not only applied their culinary expertise but volunteered at the Operations Strides Open House for the benefit of veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan. Operation Strides is one of the charities that our Alternative Fundraising Initiative, spearheaded by **Jon McLeod**, supports.

10 Years ago

Martha Erickson, Program Host for December, will introduce the **Rototones** under the direction of **Steve Krchniak**. The Rototones, named by **Jim Dati** and **Dave Shellenbarger** will sing a selection of holiday tunes and then will ask us to join in with them.



Dr. Brad looks electrifying as he accepts a Paul Harris fellow, along with Dr. Juan, presented by Dr. Claudie and Wayne.



Marjorie had Happy Dollars—not for going to the Bonita Health Center but for the wonderful treatment she received there! She also reported that Rex Sims daughter Suzie, one of the greatest ladies of all time, came and helped the Wonder Gardens decorate and also decorated for a fundraiser at The Terraces where the proceeds from that fundraiser went to The Wonder Gardens.



Thanks to Jim for selling those 50/50 tickets!

**The 50/50
Ron did not win!
The pot is now
\$1,300±**



Club Holiday Party at The Colony Bay Club, Wed, Dec 20th, 5 pm. Mark Vee will be performing. Contact Donna Marcotte for reservations.

Upcoming Programs

December 27—No meeting

January 3—Dr. Kristina Long, Branch Director, FEMA

January 10 — Mr. Lee Mayfield, Acting Director, Emergency Mgmt, Lee County

