



The Spoke



Ray Faubion read the invocation, Roger Brunswick led us in the Pledge. Kelsey Mitchell, on her first trip back from the mountains of Georgia did the Four Way Test.

Ron Anderson helped to lead us in Easter Bonnet, which Ron reminded us was written by Irving Berlin in the 30s. Kelsey was called on again, a current member of the Rotary Club of Rome, and given a banner to bring to her home Club. Dr. Brad had flyers for the Inaugural Bonita Springs High School Golf Tournament and fundraiser, May 12. President Jon announced that our next Club Assembly would be on April 25, when President Elect Claudie would be selecting committee chairs including the Program Committee since Marjorie has decided to make this her last year. District Governor Bobbi Bird and Kenny King were called to the front, for the purpose of awarding a Paul Harris plus three to Kenny. Bobbi explained to the many non-Rotarians that this is a significant honor and allows the foundation to provide funds for use as needed in our community. Jon reminded everyone of the first Habitat for Humanity project post-Irma on April 21 where 15—20 volunteers will be needed.



This should be fairly clean work! Vince Modarelli was passing around a sign up sheet. The donor advised fund has released \$50,000 to be used for post Irma re-

building. Jon announced that the District Conference on Saturday, April 21, is the passing of the gavel from District Governor Bobbi Bird to District Governor Elect, Sandra Hemstead. Jon reminded us that this is the meeting for the week and if anyone comes to Bonita Bay they will be very lonely. Dr. Steve brought up all the Students of the Month and teachers of the month— Ms. Wood, yes, she's a teacher, not a student and Mr. Baxter.

This Morning's Invocation

Almighty God, we thank you for life and all its components, both good and adverse, because through both we are strengthened. We ask for wisdom and strength not our own in order to make our citizenship and our professional endeavors worthy examples of life lived with integrity and compassion. We intercede for members of this and other clubs who are experiencing adversity of any kind. Sustain them by your grace and power. May they be uplifted and encouraged by the support of their colleagues and friends. We offer thanks for the food and purposeful fellowship received here. We are grateful for the happy privilege of just being here. Amen



Tom Burgess reported on Rotaract, asking for volunteers, and reminding all the High School students that was their next stop! Jon again reminded the group

that April 7 is Walk for Water, Spirits of Bonita, and the Reverse Raffle. A busy day. Jim Horein introduced his son's guiding light, his best friend, and the love of his life, Sara Horein. Sara started by telling us all that the primary disaster the Red Cross responds to is house fires. They also respond to tragedies such as Parkland and Sandy Hook but they choose not to capitalize on those things. The Red Cross also is the largest blood services agency in the country, does first aid training, and services to Armed Forces. Sara's Red Cross story took her around the world. Then, she met Kathy Flynn who was doing a presentation on the measles and rubella initiative. Sara then went on a trip to Kenya, vaccinating 19 million children in 10 days! It takes 1 to 1 1/2 years to set up a campaign of this magnitude. This was what Sara was meant to do with her life.



She is an independent monitor—a volunteer and she is self funds—she pays for her own trips—airfare and hotels. Sara writes a report and can report problems in real time, like a cooler with melting ice. In Indonesia, 35 million children were vaccinated.

This week's program:

Apr 4th, George Robertson-Burnett,
Rotary Membership

Song: Don't Fence Me In

Oh, give me land, lots of land
under starry skies above
Don't fence me in
Let me ride through the
wide open country that I love
Don't fence me in

Let me be by myself
in the evenin' breeze
And listen to the murmur
of the cottonwood trees
Send me off forever
but I ask you please
Don't fence me in

Notable Notes

5 Years ago

President **Stephanie Kissenger** welcomed us on *National Peanut Butter and Jelly Day*. **Tom Briers** gave the invocation, **Joette Deane**(rr) led the Pledge of Allegiance, and **Jasmin Mann** flawlessly recited the 4-Way Test. **Ron Anderson** threw us a change up and led the singing of God Bless America instead of The Spoke published song. Stephanie reported that **Klaus Helf** is doing well, up and walking around just a couple of weeks after quintuple bypass surgery.

10 Years ago

President **Fred Partin** presided. **Doug Pratt** delivered the invocation. **Bob Pagel** led the Pledge of Allegiance and **Jose Lopez** led the 4 Way Test. **Steve Krchniak** directed a rousing performance of the Easter Parade.



Claudie reported that her Installation Banquet would be on June 2, at DeRomo's. Roger didn't have a whole lot to do with only a few guests in the room. Luckily Jay Berube was there for his birthday wishes. There were Happy/Sad dollars—

Mark called on Deb Voorhees who he works with at the Friends of Lover's Key. Mark was also happy that his daughter's wedding was the previous week. One of our Rotary Regulars, Marjorie Ettinger, said her goodbyes and mentioned that her District spans both U.S. and Canadian sides. President Jon took bets on who would eat the black bean brownie that Dr. Wendy made. Turned out it was Jon himself.



The FOUR-WAY test
of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?



No luck for Bobbi!
The pot is \$750!



Mark you calendars for the 2018 Rotary District Conference, May 17—19th at The Hyatt Regency Coconut Point. This is our own District Governor Bobbi Bird's conference.

Upcoming Programs

Apr 11th. Bobbi Bird, Rotary District Governor
Apr 18th. Ismail Hernandez, Freedom & Virtue Institute.

Apr 25th. Club Meeting

Front Desk

Bob Lombardo, Claudie Delgado

Birthdays (Apr 1—Apr 7)

Jim O'Leary Apr 4

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