



The Spoke

Celebrating The Season

Bob and Theresa Lombardo Host Memorable Holiday Party



On Monday December 17, **Bob and Theresa Lombardo** welcomed us all to their home for a marvelous Holiday reception. The atmosphere was festive and inviting, providing a wonderful setting for the Christmas Holiday Season. We enjoyed each other's company as warm Rotarian conversation filled the room. Thanks Bob and Theresa. Your hospitality was so kind and genuine. Theresa's culinary creations and Bob's vinaceous offerings were outstanding--thanks for your kindness and hospitality.

Bob and Theresa's Holiday Party was yet another example of the great work of our Social Committee. Be sure to be on the lookout in 2013 for additional Social Committee events. They're fun and a great way to get to know your fellow Club members in a relaxed and informal setting.

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LASTWEEK'S MEETING

President Stephanie presided. **Carl Schwang** led the invocation; **Tom Burgess** the Pledge of Allegiance and **Don Manley** the 4-Way Test. **Ron Anderson** conducted a rousing version of "We Wish You A Merry Christmas."

Our Board Nominating Committee is seeking and accepting nominations to fill Board positions for four new Board positions. The elections will be held at the January 9th Board meeting. If you have any questions please see **President Stephanie** or **President-elect Bobbi**.

Sandy Scoggins acknowledged all those who volunteered at this year's Christmas Tree tent. She also offered special thanks to **Nancy Ross, Lance Albertson, Bob Gillette, Buddy Cliff** and **Kenny King** who worked five and seven shifts respectively.

President Stephanie offered an update on the Wheelchair Project. Wheelchairs will be

distributed on February 8 and 9 in Honduras. If you are interested in learning more about or perhaps participating in the actual wheelchair distribution, please contact Steve Agius. Steve will be visiting our Club on January 23 to offer a Project update. **Don Manley** also announced that a



container of wheelchairs will be delivered to El Salvador in June or July. Plans for that trip are still being formulated. If you would like more information as the itinerary for that trip unfolds, please see Don.

OUR PROGRAM: SALLY RICHARDSON, "NAPLES BOTANICAL GARDEN"

Last week we heard from Sally Richardson, Volunteer Manager for the Naples Botanical Garden. Sally's presentation offered an interesting overview of the Garden, one of our community's true resources.

Sally explained that the Garden connects people and plants through display, education, conservation, and science. It acts as a community gathering place and venue for exploring the natural world.

of Old Naples, it is comprised



of six cultivated gardens known

as "Gardens with Latitude" highlighted by 2.5 miles of walking trails and restored native preserve.

We also learned of the Garden's exciting future plans. A future "Visitor Center" will welcome every member, visitor, and volunteer. The Center will include an auditorium, gourmet cafe and retail/ticketing center-- and 18,000 gallon rainwater collection tanks.

Thanks Sally for a very interesting presentation.

Resting on 170 acres just south



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2012...A YEAR OF MEMORIES

“When I behold, upon the night's starred face, huge cloudy symbols of a high romance”



"The Fifty-Fifty"

This Week's Big Prize--\$1501



An awe-struck Jon Shaw drew the Three of Spades to win \$500.

As always, we're all winners as the "fifty-fifty" helps keep our Club strong and ready to serve.

Our Upcoming Speakers

January 2, Debra Haley, Executive Director New Horizons of SWFL

January 9, Heidi Ruster, American Red Cross

January 16, Sarah Owen, Southwest Florida Community Foundation and Debra Braendle, Bonita Springs Community Fund

January 23, Steve Agius, The Wheelchair Foundation

January 30, The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida



It's A Birthday Celebration!

Hal Cooper, January 3
Peter Zahner, January 3
Ron Anderson, January 8

Rotary "Sings"



Vive Le Rotary

Let all good Rotarians stand up and sing
Vive Le Rotary!

With service and love let this song loud ring
Vive Le Rotary!

Vive Le, Vive Le Rotary!
Vive Le, Vive Le Rotary!

Truth is our right,
Love is our might,
Vive Le Rotary!

Calling All Shutterbugs

In anticipation of this year's District Conference a request has been made to gather photos of Club events. If you have a special photo you would like to share send it along to Mike Colgan (mjcr1a@aol.com). Make sure you specify it's from our Club.



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