



# The Spoke

## “Foundations of Friendship”

*We Bid 2013 Adieu with Smiles, Laughter...and Gratitude*



Maybe it was “the Nest” dressed in its holiday pretty; or the festive live music; or an atmosphere filled with hugs and handshakes; or maybe, just maybe it was “Us” simply being “Us.” When commenting on the role of friendship in Rotary, Paul Harris observed *“If you have the love of your fellow men in your hearts, my friends, you are a potential Rotarian.”*

Our Club has always excelled in striving to be an example of Paul Harris’ observation and that’s why we were glad to exchange banners with Peter Ferner of the Starnberg Bavaria Rotary Club; to welcome **Jim Horein’s** friend Tyler Wheatcraft who was cycling his way to Central America; and to express gratitude to Amber Burnette for the many kindnesses she extended to us during our stay at the Nest.

Paul Harris absolutely got it right. Friendship offers continuing insight into the human heart. It’s what binds us together, making the enterprise that is Rotary worthwhile, meaningful, and the creator of lasting memories and smiles. So as we transition from one year to the next, we do so with great confidence and strength, as friends and as a Club who turns its eyes to goodwill, service, and “the distant soaring ranges.” Happy New Year Rotarians.

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## LASTWEEK'S MEETING

**President Bobbi** presided over what was a very festive holiday meeting. **Julie Pedretti** delivered the invocation; Interact President Caitlyn Nicholson the Pledge of Allegiance; and Patrick Shipman, Interact Vice President the 4 Way Test. **Ron Anderson** led, to live music accompaniment, a rousing version of "We Wish You a Merry Christmas."

Sponsorship opportunities are available right now in support of our upcoming live radio production "It's A Wonderful Life" which takes place February 11-13. **Bob Lombardo** and **Jonathan Shaw** have all the details. Each of us is responsible to buy at least six tickets which are available through Bob and his Committee or online.

**Julie Pedretti** reminded us, as part of our Rotary Has Heart initiative, to bring peanut butter, jelly, and shampoo to our January 8th meeting.

**President Bobbi** called our Club into "assembly" and recognized **Stephanie Kissinger**, chair of our Nominating Committee, who placed before us the names of **Bob Lombardo, Frank Mazzeo, Peter O'Flinn, and Susan Schmitt** as Directors for the 2014-2017 Rotary year. The Committee's recommendation passed unanimously. Congratulations to all.

**Sara McCallum** thanked everyone for supporting the "Blue Bucket" program. This quarter almost \$400 was raised in support of Alzheimer's research. Look for the Bucket every meeting at the sign in table.



**Steve McIntosh** introduced us to Caitlyn Nicholson and Patrick Shipman, President and Vice President of the Interact Club at Estero High School. Our Club

has sponsored the Interact Club for fifteen years and it was great hearing Caitlyn and Patrick offer a report of the Club's activities. Currently comprised of 80 members, Interact is the largest Club on the

Estero High School campus. We learned of the numerous service projects in which Interact participates, always with a goal of underscoring the importance of community service and respect for others. Thank you Caitlyn and Patrick for a great presentation.



Thanks who participated.

**A Boat Parade Recap...** Boat Parade Chair **Adam Botana** advised the Spoke that this year's Parade, which took place December 14, sported thirty five participants (including an entry from our Club) and garnered a great deal of holiday excitement. Mark your calendars now—the 2014 parade is set for December 13. to Adam for a great job and to all

## A Holiday Without Hunger

On Christmas Eve we joined almost 2000 friends (many of whom were Rotarians) at the Harborside Convention Center in support of the Holidays without Hunger initiative. The atmosphere was festive, the DJ rockin' and we starting rollin',



contributing to an effort which produced over 500,000 meals. It was meaningful, fun and Rotarian.

Thanks to **Julie Pedretti** and her team for organizing a great way to start the Holiday Season.



## “2013: The Year in Pictures”

*‘When I behold upon the night’s starred face, huge cloudy symbols of a high romance,’ John Keats*



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### "The Fifty-Fifty" This Week's Big Prize-~~\$~~1,587.50

Last week a delighted Chris Riesen drew the Nine of Clubs to win ~~\$~~5.00.

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

### "Rotary Sings" "Battle Hymn of the Republic"

Mine eyes have seen the  
glory of the coming of the  
Lord;  
He is trampling out the  
vintage where the grapes of  
wrath are  
stored;  
He hath  
loosed the  
fateful  
lightning of  
His terrible  
swift sword:  
His truth is marching on.



#### (Chorus)

Glory, glory, hallelujah!  
Glory, glory, hallelujah!  
Glory, glory, hallelujah!  
His truth is marching on.



### *It's A Birthday Celebration!*

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



### Our Upcoming Speakers

**This Morning,**  
**Lee County Commissioner**  
**Brian Hamman**

The 4-Way Test  
Of the things we think, say or  
do.

Is it the **TRUTH**?  
Is its **FAIR** to all concerned?  
Will it build **GOODWILL**  
and **BETTER**  
**FRIENDSHIPS**?  
Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to  
all concerned?



## This Morning's Invocation

Almighty and eternal God, at the outset of this new year, we are grateful that you are not beholden to the changing seasons and rapidly turning calendar. As we experience transitions in life, we find comfort in the constancy of Your love and grace. We are grateful that in the year now ended, we have dwelled secure in Your Providence. Help us now to enter the new year with confidence and undiminishing hope, grounded in abiding faith.

Bless our food and fellowship that we may be strengthened in body and enriched in spirit. We pray with grateful anticipation of your continued favor. Amen.