



# The Spoke

## “Making Dreams Come True”

*“Dan Lombardo Offers Perspective on the Art of Theater”*



It was a memorable moment as **Bob Lombardo** formally introduced his brother Dan last week. Dan is already a member of our Rotary family, devoting his time and talent as Director of our radio play “It’s A Wonderful Life.”

Dan’s accomplishments are many and impressive. Ten years at Wellfleet Harbor Actors Theater as director, dramaturg and Artistic Director. Research consultant and author with film appearances on PBS and BBC TV. It was not surprising then to hear a presentation on Wednesday that soared as Dan reflected on theater (and “It’s A Wonderful Life”) as art and an expression of the human condition. Including even a mini “theater lab,” Dan helped us experience the “personal” side of theater. Thank you Dan for all you have done these last few weeks to enrich our lives and our perspective.

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## LAST WEEK'S MEETING

**President Bobbi** presided with an assist from **President-elect Sandy**. **Brian Olitsky** delivered the invocation; "It's A Wonderful Life Director" Director Dan Lombardo led the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Larry Miller** the 4 Way Test. **Ron Anderson** directed a rousing version of "Give My Regards To Broadway."

**President-elect Sandy** reminded us that our Gavel and Installation Dinner will take place on Friday, March 14.

### Gift of Life

We were pleased to welcome our Gift of Life child Anna Weins and her father Peter to our meeting. **Mark McCaw** explained that Anna comes to us from Belize (and a family of ten). Her Dad Pedro farms, raising corn, soybeans and livestock. We were pleased to learn that Anna's procedure went exceedingly well. The expectation is that, assuming all goes well during her Doctor's visit, that she and her Dad will return home next week. Pedro proceeded to offer words of thanks—and during his remarks the meaning, impact, and majesty of the wonderful initiative that is Gift of Life became exceedingly clear. Thank you Anna and Pedro for helping us understand the gift that is life. Visit us again soon.



**Habitat for Humanity...Ron Anderson** was kind enough to forward along a photographic report of last Saturday morning's Habitat workday prominently staffed by our FGCU Rotaractors. If you would like more information on our Habitat initiative and how you can get involved, please see Ron.

**Julie Pedretti** offered a Rotary Has Heart report. We are entering our final week of collections and the suggested donation item this week is canned meat (tuna, spam) or any other canned food. We anticipate our presentation taking place this coming Saturday morning. Final details will be forthcoming. Thanks to all who have participated in this program.

**Wendy Arsenault** reported on "Bark in Riverside Park" Sunday February 23, 11:00 am-3pm. All proceeds will benefit Golden Retriever Rescue of Southwest Florida.

And finally...A "Shots for Tots" Report. In January 13 families were served by our signature Club initiative. Thanks to **Clara Anne Graham** and her team.

## Our President's Message... "109 Years Ago This Month"

"It was 109 years ago this month that Paul Harris and three of his friends founded the first Rotary club. His goal was simple: to create an oasis of friendship amid a city of strangers, with those who shared his values.

Over time, the philosophy of Rotary developed and matured, and Rotarian ideals expanded to include service, vocational ethics, and international understanding. As Rotary grew and spread, Paul Harris envisioned a world in which conflict would ultimately melt away – a world where personal connections and acceptance of differences would relegate war to history. If people could only come together in a spirit of friendship and tolerance, he felt, they would soon realize how much they had in common.

**Paul Harris was fortunate in his lifetime to see the Rotary idea take hold and establish itself in dozens of countries around the world. Every week, in 34,000 communities, his vision lives on in every Rotary club meeting. But nowhere in the world does Paul Harris' vision take life as vividly as it does at our annual Rotary International convention.**

At a convention, for a few short days, we see the

world as Paul Harris imagined it: a world where men and women from every corner of the globe come together, to build peace, to serve others, and simply to enjoy one another's company. Differences of background, politics, culture, and religion are woven together, all part of one bright tapestry. It is an unforgettable experience, one

that Jetta and I look forward to every year. Every convention is different, and every one becomes a memory that we cherish.

This year, I will have the tremendous privilege of presiding over the 105th Rotary International Convention in

Sydney, 1-4 June. Sydney is a vibrant international hub, a gateway between East and West, and a wonderfully appropriate city to host a Rotary convention. It is tremendously diverse, rich in culture and history, and one of my favorite cities to visit; at once exciting and relaxed, it is a place where I know I will always feel at home – and always find something new to see and do.

In 2014, Rotary members will gather to say G'day from Sydney. We will come together as friends and Rotarians, to reach out to the world and to one another, in an environment where all are welcome. I hope you will join us as we celebrate our successes, look to the future, and discover new ways to Engage Rotary, Change Lives."



**Rotary Club of Bonita Springs**, chartered November 3, 1978, meets every Wednesday at Bonita Bay Club. The Club may be contacted through its mailing address P.O. Box 474, Bonita Springs Florida 34133, or its websites [www.bonitaspringsrotary.org](http://www.bonitaspringsrotary.org). and [www.facebook.com/myrotary](http://www.facebook.com/myrotary). **The Spoke**, the Club's official newsletter, is published weekly throughout the year (except when the Club is in recess.) You can reach the Spoke through its email [riverchip12-spoke@yahoo.com](mailto:riverchip12-spoke@yahoo.com)



**"The Fifty-Fifty"  
This Week's Big Prize-~~\$~~2,205.50**

Last week a delighted Jim Dati drew the Four of Hearts to win ~~\$~~5.00.

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



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

**Drew Montez-Clark, February 3**  
**Bobbi Bird, February 14**  
**George Cohan, February 15**



**Our Upcoming Speakers**

**This Morning,  
Craig Price, Center for  
the Arts—Bonita  
Springs**

**"Rotary Sings"  
"Let Me Call You  
Sweetheart"**

Let me call you  
"Sweetheart," I'm in love  
with you.  
Let me hear you whisper  
that you love me too.  
Keep the love-light  
glowing in your eyes so  
true.  
Let me call you  
"Sweetheart," I'm in love  
with you.



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**

O God, we gather once again as men and women committed to the values espoused by Rotarians everywhere, values and virtues desperately needing to be infused in our culture. We believe the qualities which characterize Rotarianism at its best have their origin in Your will and purpose. We pray, therefore, for divine assistance as we seek to so integrate them into our social, business and professional structures, that they become the accepted basis for behavior.

Bless now the food provided for our use and enjoyment, and use the congeniality of our fellowship as a winsome witness to the quality of our togetherness.

Accept our gratitude for all gifts and challenges which come from Your hand. Amen.

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