



The Spoke

“A Paul Harris Celebration”

“We honor the achievements of two respected educators”



Last week we once again acknowledged the deep respect and bond we as Rotarians have for our founder Paul Harris by awarding Honorary Paul Harris Fellowships to George Clover and Eugene R. Milhizer, two distinguished educators whose lives and values demonstrate a shared purpose with the objective and mission that is Rotary.

George Clover is retiring after a 42 year career in education, including the past 10 as Principal of Estero High School. Under his leadership the school began offering the University of Cambridge’s Advanced International Certificate of Education curriculum.

Eugene R. Milhizer, President and Dean of Ave Maria School of Law, will be stepping down from those positions to return to the classroom at the law school. Under his leadership the Advanced Critical Thinking Department was formed and the school’s first named chair was established. Congratulations gentlemen for your remarkable contributions and devotion to service.

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LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President Bobbi presided. **Peter O'Flinn** delivered the invocation; **Steven Slachta** led the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Donna Marcotte** the 4 Way Test. **Ron Anderson** led us in a delightful version of "Meet Me in St. Louis."

Our Speaker



Last week we heard from Thomas L. Eastwood. Retired as Director of the IRS Michigan District, Mr. Eastwood managed over 1500 employees and all District activities. In addition he served with the US Treasury's Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and the Department of Defense. He was also the recipient of the Defense Meritorious Service Award. His presentation on "Spies and Espionage" focused on contemporary intelligence and counterintelligence topics. A lively question and answer period followed. Thanks Mr. Eastwood for a great and entertaining discussion.

A Spoke Editorial

"Your Attention Please"

All of us would agree that we belong to the best and most vibrant Rotary Club in the world. The friendships, the memories, the fun resonate now and well into the future. But our Club also has an obligation to maintain sound fiscal practices and protocols. One "lifeline" that makes that happen is the revenue generated from

member dues. The financial obligations of membership in our Club are reviewed during member orientation and the requirement that quarterly dues be paid promptly should come as a surprise to no one. Notwithstanding that fact, your Board reviewed at its recent meeting a dues receivable report. Dues that were 60 and 90 days in arrears were substantial and surprising. Please take a moment to insure that you are current with financial obligations to our Club. If you have any questions, desire information as to the status of your account or how dues may be paid, our Treasurer will be happy to assist.

Congratulations Jon



We all rooted for **Jon McLeod** throughout his training and journey from Boston to Key West—and it was great seeing him at last week's meeting. Our Club Foundation also supported his efforts and presented him last week with a check for \$5,000 in support of his Gift of Life Initiative. Joining Jon for the presentation was **President Bobbi** and **Nancy Ross**, Foundation President.

RI Convention: “Polio On Notice”

RI reports “polio took a hit at this year's Rotary convention in Sydney, Australia.

First there was the record-breaking climb across Sydney Harbour Bridge that raised enough money to protect 240,000 kids from polio. On 30 May, two days before the official opening of the convention, 340 participants ascended the bridge, eclipsing the record previously held by Oprah Winfrey for most climbers on the bridge. Waving 278 flags, they also broke the Guinness World Record for most flags flown on a bridge.

Then it was announced that the World's Biggest Commercial, Rotary's public awareness campaign for polio eradication, set a Guinness World Record for largest photo awareness campaign. More than 100,000 people



from 170 countries have uploaded their photos, including Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Bill Gates, Archie Panjabi, Jackie Chan, and many more.

But the biggest news was the \$101 million pledged to polio eradication. Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott opened the convention on 1 June with a commitment from his government of \$100 million to the PolioPlus campaign. Two days later, Sir Emeka Offor, executive vice chair of Chrome Group, announced a \$1 million gift to The Rotary Foundation to help end polio.

"Scores of my friends and classmates fell victim to this dreaded disease," said Sir Emeka, who serves as Rotary's PolioPlus ambassador in Nigeria. "As a young man I vowed that I would someday do something significant to end polio in Nigeria."



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. and 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



**“The Fifty-Fifty”
This Week’s Big Prize-~~\$~~3,992.50**

**Last week an overjoyed Chris Riesen drew the
Four 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.**



***It’s A Birthday
Celebration!***

Jim Horein, June 20



**Our
Upcoming
Speakers**

**This Morning,
Debbie Tower
Communications Director
Florida Department of
Transportation**

**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?**

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**“Rotary Sings”
“Sweet Caroline”**

Where it began,
I can’t begin to knowin'
But then I know it’s growing
strong
Was in the spring
And spring became the summer,
Who’d have believed you’d come
along.

Hands, touchin’ hands
Reachin’ out, touchin’ me, touchin’
you

Sweet Caroline
Good times never seemed so good
I’ve been inclined,
To believe they never would
Oh, no no.

Sweet Caroline
Good times never seemed so good
Sweet Caroline,
I believe they never could
Sweet Caroline
Good times never seemed so good
Sweet Caroline....

This Morning’s Invocation

Good and gracious God, in our witness to others enable us to be steadfast in duties deeply felt and humbly accepted. Help us to be thoroughly responsible in our stewardship of the opportunities we are given to be truthful and fair, to show a benevolent spirit toward others, and to rigorously uphold the high ethical and moral standards we espouse as Rotarians.

Bless now our gathering in this place, that our influence for good will be felt in this small corner of the world. To that end we offer gratitude for sustaining food, enriching fellowship and invigorating involvement in worthwhile endeavors. Amen.