



# The Spoke



## "A Holiday Celebration"

*"We Enjoy A Festive Evening of Fun and Friendship"*



*This past Friday evening we all enjoyed each other's company during a wonderful Holiday Celebration. The Colony was welcoming and dressed in its "holiday pretty." Thanks to our Committee for offering us an opportunity to celebrate the Season in grand fashion.*

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## LASTWEEK'S MEETING

**President Sandy** presided. **Donna Marcotte** delivered the invocation; the Estero High School Honorees led the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Jon McLeod** the 4 Way Test. Musical Director **Ron Anderson** directed a festive version of "Jingle Bells."

### Shots for Tots

**Ira Hawk** reported that the Lee County Health Department at its annual employees meeting this month expressed "Special Thanks and Appreciation to the Rotary Club of Bonita Springs for faithful support of the Shots for Tots Program 1994-2014." The Shots for Tots clinics were sponsored by our Club at the First Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs administered nearly 17,000 immunizations to some 7,800 children over 20 year period. Special recognition was given to Rotarians **Clara Anne Graham, Dick Fredrickson** and **Ira Hawk** who provided leadership for the program over the years and the dozens of Rotary members who assisted each month.

### Estero High School Awards of Excellence

**Jack Powers** introduced us to this month's Award of Excellence winners. Congratulations to Samantha Strawman (Faculty); Vera Plaut (Staff); Ruby Romero (Service student) and Samantha Coury (Academic).



### New Directors Slate Announced

**President Sandy** presided over a Club business meeting allowing **President-elect Tom**, our Nominating Committee Chair, to place the following names for election to our Board of Directors: **Gary Price, Kae Moore, (2013-2015) Joe Murgalo, Jon Shaw and Claudie Delgado-Feeney (2015-2016)**. **President-elect Tom's** motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Thanks to our new Directors (who will assume office July 1) for your willingness to serve our Club. **President-elect Tom** also acknowledged the efforts and hard work of those who will be leaving the Board at that time.

### A Paul Harris Moment



It was nice visiting with our District Paul Harris Coordinator Sally Smith. Her visit and the ceremony that followed focused our attention on the importance of "Rotary giving." As we all know contributions to The Rotary Foundation are essential to securing and growing Rotary programs throughout the world. In turn Rotary recognizes donors to express gratitude for the special commitment philanthropy represents.

A very special donor recognition level is the Paul Harris Society. Named after Rotary's Founder Paul Harris the Society recognizes Rotarians who contribute \$1,000 or more each year to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus, or approved global grants. It represents a wonderful commitment to the goals and purposes of the Rotary Foundation and we were all gratified and pleased to witness Sally welcome **President Sandy** as a member of the Paul Harris Society. Sandy announced that she would be designating her gift to support a Gift of Life grant. Thank you Sandy for your generosity and your leadership.

### Last Week's Speaker

Last week we welcomed Susan Acuna, President/CEO of the Literary Council Gulf Coast and a winner of our Club's Ethics in Leadership Award. Susan has served as Executive Director of the Literacy Council since June 2006 and has overseen a tremendous increase in the number of students served and the growth of the Carol DeJoy Moms and Tots Family Literary Program. She was named President and CEO in 2012. Thank you Susan for your leadership and your presentation. Visit us again soon.





## “2014...The Year in Pictures”

As 2014 comes to a close, it is good to pause, smile, and reflect on the past year—a year of fun and accomplishment—all in the spirit of Rotary. Enjoy a happy, festive and peaceful Holiday Season.



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### "The Fifty-Fifty" This Week's Big Prize—\$2168

Last week visiting Rotarian Paul Gavin drew the  
Three 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!*

**Michael O'Dell, December 18**

**Carl Nickel, December 22**

**Peter O'Flinn, December 23**

**Scott Gerrish, December 25**

**Andrew Frech (rr) December 28**

**Robert Langhans (rr), December  
29**



### This Morning's Speaker

**Rev. Dr. Doug Pratt**  
**"Amazing Stories Among  
Us"**

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

Loving Lord, in this special holiday season we are grateful for the  
spiritual realities to which to cling in the midst of secular things  
which hold no ultimate value for the soul. We are stirred by the  
joyful music of the season and for the universal message of peace  
and hope.

As Rotarians, help us to add substance to hope by courageous  
citizenship, selfless service, and unswerving dedication to life and  
work to the values we know to be true and worthy of our  
commitment.

With grateful hearts we acknowledge the gift of food and the  
opportunity for fellowship. Keep us in Your loving care until we  
meet again. Amen.

### "Rotary Sings" "I'll Be Home for Christmas"



I'll be home  
for Christmas  
You can plan  
on me  
Please have  
snow and  
mistletoe

And presents on the tree

Christmas Eve will find me  
Where the love light gleams  
I'll be home for Christmas  
If only in my dreams

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