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Week 36

March 7, 2012

This Week: Sarah Owen

This week's speaker will be **Sarah Owen**, Director of SW Florida Community Foundation. The mission of the SWFLCF is to connect donors and their philanthropic aspirations with evolving **community** needs.

Last Week Meeting

President **Jim O'Leary** presided. **Ken King** reported that member **Gene Hoyt** is in the hospital having suffered a stroke. **Dave Shellenbarger** offered an invocation. **Wendy Aresenault** led the Pledge of Allegiance and **Dawn Colechio** recited the 4-way test. **Ron Anderson**, led the singing of *I've Been Working on the Railroad*.

Announcements

President Jim recognized **Ron Anderson** and thanked him for all his efforts for Rotary. Ron took over the Christmas Tree Sale from Paul Helbing, started the 5k run, started the Gift of Life initiative, and now has led the Rotary Habitat for Humanity effort. Thanks from all of us.

Tom Burgess introduced the Rotaract officers and members who were at the meeting. **Brian Olitsky** announced the 5k run will be on July 4th just before the Bonita Springs Parade. **Rick Barber** discussed the CREW concert fund raiser on March 24th. The club will be responsible for serving libations at the event. **Ray** and **Jean Faubion** are

sending exchange student Bronis to Washington, DC giving him a chance to see the nation's capital. and round out his experiences in the U.S.

Member Spotlight: Klaus Helf



Klaus was born and raised in Berlin, Germany. He graduated from the University of Berlin with degrees in law and business.

After graduation he began teaching law then got into business as a small business development consultant. In addition to his consulting, he opened two jewelry stores.

Later he got into commercial real estate. He was in Berlin when the Wall went up and when the Wall came down. After the Wall came down the commercial real estate became very hot and he said "I was very, very lucky to be in that field then."

Klaus and first wife, Monica, visited Bonita Springs on vacation and Monica decided she wanted a vacation home here. In 1995, he sold his businesses in Berlin and moved to Bonita Springs. He attended International College ESL classes to learn English. Klaus had been a Rotarian in Berlin and was recruited to the club by Paul Helbing.

In 2007 his wife Monica passed away. Klaus considered moving back to Germany however his friends convinced him to stay. He found and married Joan, a Minnesotan, and "I've almost become a snow bird". Last year Klaus became an American Citizen.

Thanks for sharing your story, Klaus.

George Cohan Time

George announced that all money and stubs for the Reverse Raffle had to be returned by March 7th. After selling some tickets this morning, he said there were only 12 uncommitted tickets.

Steve McIntosh requested a birthday serenade from the politicians in attendance. The **City Government Chorus** was quickly formed and delivered a surprisingly good rendition of Happy Birthday.



Last Week: Hodges University

Marjorie Rubacky introduced **Dr. Terry McMahan**, President of Hodges University. He has been president since 1991. When he took over there were 17 full time employees including 2 full time faculty. Now

there are 3,000 students at 4 sites with 100 full time faculty and 80 adjunct faculty. Hodges is a not-for-profit, private institution focused on adult students.

Terry is current chairman of the Alliance of Education Leadership of SWFL. This is a group of 5 presidents of institutions of higher education and 5 superintendents of the region's public schools who are working to provide the educational needs for the 21st Century Workforce. He noted that now students are not learning critical skills from the "teach to the test method with respect to the FCAT now being employed."

The Alliance has 4 goals: Improve Regional Academic Performance, Increase STEM focus, Strengthen Education and Business Connection, and Strengthen Dialogue with Educators.

Upcoming Events:

Bonita Blues Festival. Friday and Saturday, March 9-10. Riverside Park. See **Len Eckert** or the Bonita Blues Festival web site for details.

Reverse Raffle. Saturday, March 10th, at St John the Evangelist Hall. \$100 ticket per couple gets appetizers, sitdown meal, open bar **and** chance for the **BIG** prize.

Estero Pig Roast. Saturday, March 24th. Selling Guatemalan Beads to raise funds for project in Guatemala. Contact Sandy Scoggins.

CREW concert and silent auction at Riverside Park. Saturday, March 24th, 6:30-9:00 PM. Tickets \$20. See Fred Partin or Rick Barber.



So Happy Together

Imagine me and you, I do
 I think about you day and night
 Its only right
 To think about the girl you love,
 And hold her tight.
 So happy together

If I should call you up
 Invest a dime
 And you say you belong to me
 And ease my mind
 Imagine how the world could be
 So very fine
 So happy together

Me and you
 And you and me
 No matter how they toss the dice
 It had to be
 The only one for me is you
 And you for me
 So happy together

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This Week's Big Prize: \$1,194

Last week visiting Bill Kochter drew the
8♦ to win \$5



\$1/ticket. 3 for \$2. 10 for \$5. 25 for \$10.

Happy Birthday!

Jim Renfro March 2

Jim Friedgen March 5

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 Is it **FAIR TO ALL CONCERNED**?
 Will it build **GOODWILL** and
BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
 Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all **CONCERNED**?