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Week 37

This Week: Wilson Bradshaw This weeks's speaker will be Wilson Bradshaw, President of Florida Gulf Coast University

Last Week Meeting

President Jim O'Leary presided. Ken King reported that member Gene Hoyt iout of the hospital and is on the road to recovery. Jason Dolle announced he and his wife are expecting a son in August. Don Manley said his son Hector Castro Manley had been named "Humanitarian of the month for El Salvador".

Don Thomson offered an invocation. **Ben Nelson** led the Pledge of Allegiance and **Nancy Ross** receited the 4-way test. **Ron Anderson**, led the singing of *So Happy Together.*

Annoucements

Rick Barber needs help from about 4pm to 9pm at the Crew Concert. **Dick Fredrickson** reported that **Scott** and **Amalia Gerrish** represented the club at Shots for Tots. Thirty shots were given to 15 kids. President Jim recognized **Mary Shallies** incoming president of the noon club. **Sally Smith**, Estero Rotary incoming president announced the upcoming Estero Rotary BBQ on March 24th. **cohluc & cream** will be playing from 5 to 8 pm.

George Cohan Time

George introduced first time visitors including **Don Manley**'s father who claims that Don got his good looks from him and brains from his mother. Birthday boys, **Jim**

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Renfro and **Jim Friedgen**, were serenaded by the Road Kill Choir augmented by the Rotary Regulars. George discussed the upcoming Reverse Raffle and noted he had 17 tickets unsold.

Last Week: Wendy Arsenault



Wendy Arsenault, a recently inducted member of the club, is owner of SWFL V e t e r i n a r y Specialists in Bonita Springs. The company provides s p e c i a l i z e d veterinary medical services and 24 hour emergency and

critical care as well as emergency pet transport. Wendy is one of 225 vet cardiologists in North America. She is from upstate New York and came here because, "I was smart enough to move here before I started my career, instead of waiting for retirement."

Wendy always wanted to be a vet. As a kid she would bury the dead animals she found and then dig them up a couple of months later to examine the bones.

Her parents encouraged her to continue her education. However, the prospect of 8 years of training was more than she was willing to sign up for, so she got a 4 year degree in accounting. After a couple of years of accounting, she decided to go back to school to pursue her original dream. She spent 2 1/2 years getting the prerequisite science courses completed before applying to vet school. She was accepted at Cornell but choose NC State. After 4 years there, she interned at U of Illinois, Champaign, and did a two year residency at Texas A&M. She gained her certification in 2003.

Wendy opened her practice on Old 41 in 2007 and has added to the services offered each year. In 2010 she began providing 24 hour care 365 days per year, and in 2012 added the emergency pet ambulance.

Wendy has had the support of husband, Mike, for the last 15 years. Mike became a stay-at-home dad when their first son was born. This let Wendy grow the business while Mike took care of the two kids. Now, with the kids in school, Mike has begun a medical equipment and supply business.

Wendy came to know Rotary when Mike had a large amount of medical supplies that he wanted to donate to Haiti and was having a difficult time. **Jay Berube** came to the rescue and facilitated getting a tractor trailer load of supplies to Haiti. After this experience, Wendy wanted to be a part of Rotary.

Last Week: Sarah Owen



Sarah Owen, new President and CEO of the Southwest Florida Community Foundation was our speaker. The SWFLCF is repository of endowed funds that promote the health, growth, and longevity of the communities served.

The **Bonita Springs Community Fund** (BSCF) is a component fund of the

Southwest Florida Community Foundation. Established in 1997, this special fund supports the communities of greater Bonita Springs by providing grants to local nonprofits. These grants are made possible because generous donors, looking ahead to the future needs of their community, established endowed funds at the Southwest Florida Community Foundation.

These are funds that would specifically affect the quality of life in greater Bonita Springs. Since its establishment, the BSCF has awarded over \$1.6 million in grants and scholarships to the area it serves.

Sarah pointed out some of the advantages of donating to a community fund, "The money does good now and later." Since these are endowment funds, the principle is not spent down but the earnings can be used now and later. Donating to a Community Fund allows the donor to get the benefit of professional investment management and administration and ensures that the community gets the maximum benefit.

Upcoming Events:

2012 Love of Bonita Celebration. March 22. Don Thomson will be honored.

Estero BBQ & Family Fun Fest. 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. Helpers contact Rick Barber.

Rotary Happy Hour. Tuesday, March 27th, Lakehouse at Trianon Hotel.

No Club Meeting. Wed. March 28th.

Club meeting with Noon & Estero at Spanish Wells. Thursday, March 29th.





Len Eckert March 9th Frank Ogden March 10th

The Spoke Folk

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When Irish eyes are smiling,

When Irish eyes are smiling, Sure it's like a morn in Spring, In the lilt of Irish laughter You can hear the angels sing.

When Irish hearts are happy, All the world seems bright and gay. And when Irish eyes are smiling, Sure, they steal your heart away.

Rotary Make-Up Opportunities

| Monday | Noon | Fort Myers South. Crowne Plaza, Bell Tower |
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| Tuesday | Noon | Estero. Spring Run |
| Wednesday | 7:30 AM | Naples - Gulf Shore. Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club. |
| | 12:15 PM | Naples. Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club. |
| Thursday | 7:30AM | Naples North-Country Club of Naples |
| | Noon | Bonita Springs-Spanish Wells Country Club |
| Friday | 7:30 AM | Naples-Pelican Bay. The Club at Pelican Bay. |

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