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Week 40

April 4, 2012

## This Week: Tammy Mugavero

This week's speaker will be **Tammy Mugavero**, a certified and licensed athletic trainer from the Bonita Bay Club.

## Last Meeting

Next-President **P. Stephanie Kissenger** presided. **Steve Slachta** offered an invocation. **Dave Shellenbarger** led the Pledge of Allegiance and **Bill Banfield** recited the 4-way test. **Ron Anderson**, led the singing of *Amazing Grace*.

## Announcements

**Don Manley** announced that the *Paddling for a Purpose* web site is finally up. We will be able to follow the paddlers starting May 20th as they go down the Mississippi River. **Fred Partin** wanted to publicly offer sincere thanks to **Steve McIntosh** for his 6 years of service on the Board of Directors at BSU.

**Rick Barber** introduced **Brenda Brooks**, Executive Director of the CREW Land and Water Trust. The trust has 60,000 acres of watershed property in Lee and Collier Counties.

Steve McIntosh lauded **Steve Slachta** for his service as an USAF Lt Col including service in Viet Nam. Steve is the District Commander of the American Legion and has been spearheading the building of a Veterans Memorial in Riverside Park. Steve M. presented Steve S. with a check for \$2,500 from the Rotary Foundation to help bring the project to fruition.

**Mark Generales** announced the **Ethics in Leadership** award to be presented at the installation dinner in June. Mark is looking for nominations by the end of April.

Sgt-at-Arms **George Cohan** declared that Stephanie would be known as the "Hugging President". George extracted \$82 birthday money from **Bob Lorenz** then conducted a sing-off between the *Over 80 Chorus* and the *Under 40 Voices*. The Over 80's were clear winners.

## Member Spotlight: Dawn Colecchio



This week's spotlight was on **Dawn Colecchio**, who has been known to us as Gary's wife but is now a new member of our club. Born in Fort Thomas, Kentucky, she moved to Florida in 1975 and has been active in insurance and risk management for 25 years.

Obviously Dawn isn't superstitious...she and Gary met on Friday the 13th, married 18 years ago on Friday the 13th, and celebrated one of their anniversaries (Friday, August 13, 2004) with PBJ sandwiches and champagne while waiting for a special anniversary guest - Hurricane Charlie!

In leisure time she enjoys cycling, collecting shells, and participating in the Bonita Springs CERT group. And long before she became a Rotarian, she enjoyed helping with our club's Christmas party.

She owes her success and happiness to good friends, a loyal family, a supportive professional environment, and loyal clients. And quite possibly, the good luck she has enjoyed so many times on Friday the 13th.

## Last Week: Literary Council



Stephanie called on **Jack Blake** to relate the Club's part in the founding and early development of the Literary Council. As Jack tells it, once upon a time (1989), the RI President sent out a plea for all clubs, world-wide, to get involved in literacy. About that same time, Jack saw Doris

Stephenson at the First Presbyterian Church with six Hispanic boys in tow. When asked, she replied that she was teaching the boys to speak English.

At a Club director's meeting, Jack suggested that the Club help Doris and support her efforts as a way to respond to the RI President's request. The Club donated \$2,000 for supplies and equipment and invited Doris to speak at a Club meeting about a month later.

**Corbin Wyant**, then publisher of the Naples Daily News and the Banner, was making up at that meeting. As a result, Wyant's company, Scripps-Howard, donated \$14,000 to help the effort.

Six months later, the Banner was opening a new office in Bonita near Ace Hardware. Wyant invited the Literacy Council to use the front half of the space saying, "We only need the back part." The location was a great one as it attracted non-English speakers as well as volunteers. Rotarians, including the Noon Club, got involved helping it organize, raise money, and serving as officers and directors.

**Nancy Ross** introduced, **Susan Acuna**, President/CEO of the now, Literacy Council Gulf Coast. The LCGC was formed by merging of the Literacy Council and the Literacy Volunteers of Lee County. The merger was encouraged by the United Way a

major supporter of the organization.

Nancy presented Susan with a check for \$3,500 from the Club's Foundation.

In her six years at the Council, Susan has overseen tremendous growth. Now there are 3,000 students and over 700 volunteers.

The Moms and Tots program has been extremely successful. It started with 4 Moms and 5 Tots at Manna Christian RV Park and has grown to 900 Moms at 8 locations in Lee County.

This year 21, 4 year olds graduated from the program. The principals of the seven schools that the program graduates attend have reported that the kids started school ready to learn. 100% of the last four years graduates have started school as average or above average compared to their peers.

There is no federal, state, or local government funding for the Council; about 1/3 is from United Way, 1/3 from foundations and clubs, and 1/3 from individual contributions. Because of the volunteers, the cost of the program is less the \$200/student/year.

In addition to teaching English, the Council has programs for GED and US Citizenship exam preparation, Conversational English, Computer classes, and programs for English speakers with low or no reading skill.

### **Upcoming Events:**

**Relay for Life.** April 14-15. Sandy Scoggins needs walkers and donaters.

**Rotary Happy Hour.** Lakehouse at the Trianon. Tuesday, April 24th,

**Cornhole Tournament.** Saturday, April 28, 12 - 3 PM. Ft Myers Beach Holiday Inn.

**Area 3 Rotary Meeting.** Wednesday, May 2, 6 PM at Spring Creek CC. Appetizers and drinks.

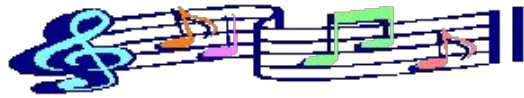
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**This Week's Big Prize: \$1,441**

Last week frequent winner Bob Lombardo  
drew the 5♠ to win \$5



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



## Easter Parade

In your easter bonnet with all the frills upon it,  
You'll be the grandest lady in the easter parade.  
I'll be all in clover and when they look you over,  
I'll be the proudest fellow in the easter parade.  
On the avenue, fifth avenue,  
the photographers will snap us,  
And you'll find that you're in the rotogravure.  
Oh, I could write a sonnet about  
your easter bonnet,  
And of the girl I'm taking to the easter parade.

## Rotary Make-Up Opportunities

Monday	Noon	Fort Myers South. Crowne Plaza. Bell Tower
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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# Happy Birthday!

**Steve Slachta March 29**

**Jason Dolle March 31**

**Jim O'Leary April 4**

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