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Week 46

May 9, 2012

This Week: Kristen A. Vaughn

Kristen Vaughn of Leslie Hindman fine art auctioneers of Chicago and Naples will be our speaker.

Last Meeting

President-Elect **P. Stephanie Kissinger** presided. **Susan Schmidt** offered an invocation. **Jim Horein** led the Pledge of Allegiance, and **Harold Eames** (rr) recited the 4-way test. **Ron Anderson**, led the singing of *On Top of Old Smokey*.

Announcements

Kenny King is in the hospital and scheduled to have open heart surgery. Please keep him in your prayers.

Les James announced that the Club Foundation will match a \$50 donation to purchase a wheelchair from the Wheelchair Foundation.

Stephanie announced the Installation Banquet will be Saturday evening June 16th, at the Tarpon Cove Country Club. She promises a tropical laid-back evening with a menu for all tastes.

Dick Fredrickson reported that **Frank Keck** (rr) represented the club at Shots for Tots. Seventy-three shots were given to kids from 27 families.

Nominations are being solicited for club directors. The election will be in June. If you are interested, please see **Jim Dati**, **Don Thomson**, or **John Spear**. The directors meet once per month for 1-2 hours.

Jason Dolle reported the first annual Cornhole Tournament was a success. There were 47 teams and over 100 people present.

The club made some money and gained experience that will make next year's even more successful.

Ron Anderson reported that Gift of Life Program had encountered some difficulty as two of the participating hospitals are unable to continue supporting the program due to budgetary issues. Ron is hoping to find another hospital willing to take on the patients.

Stephanie announced that **Steve McIntosh** and **Dave Shellenbarger** are working on a club survey that will be distributed shortly.

Steve McIntosh reported that **Steve Slachta** has become the SWFL Commander of the American Legion with more than 40 posts under his command.

After having had his left-handedness noted by Geri Speath, **George Cohan** started his routine by announcing "Left handed women frighten me..."

George railed about The Spoke editor's characterization of his solo for John Spear as "surprisingly good". [Apparently he didn't understand how low were our expectations. ed] This week's singing was done by the newly formed "Professional" Chorus made up of members who sing in choirs, etc. The rendition of Happy Birthday for **Gerry Myers** conducted by **Steve Krchniak** was greeted with "Dang good job! Seventy Six Dollars Please".

Among the visitors introduced were Principal **Linda Mitchell**, and Assistant Principal **Mary Ann Blackmon** of the Bonita Springs Middle School.

Member Spotlight: Geri Spaeth

Born just a stone's throw from Manhattan in



nearby New Jersey, Geri has had an exciting career and several moves around the U.S. Her first career position was as an oncology RN, and along the way she was able to find employment in her moves to Indiana, Illinois, and finally to Florida.

After 18 years in nursing, she worked in the insurance industry working on quality assurance and outcomes management. Then she enjoyed a career with Pfizer Pharmaceuticals lecturing on outcomes research around the world. With her strong medical and "caregiving" background, her current vocation was a natural; she is involved in senior health care continuing care communities and home care environments.

Who is Geri? To her three grandchildren she is "Gigi." Her husband Thomas will attest to her love of good food, red wine, reading, golf, roses, and art. A favorite quotation is "If you really want to be somebody, you don't have to be great, you only have to be good. Good people live by the Golden Rule and in doing so they become somebody to everybody."

Last Week: Collier 211

Greg Holtz introduced our speakers, **Claudia Polzin** Director of Development, and **Mary George** Special Projects Director of the Community Foundation of Collier County. The Foundation, which had assets of \$5 Million in 1995, has now reached a total of \$65 Million.

They spoke about the newest addition to the Foundation's programs, **Collier 211**, an

information and referral service in Collier County. Such services are sometimes called Human Services Hotlines. Collier was the last Florida county to establish such a service.



Mary George

The objective is to provide one stop information on where to get help on a variety of common problems, health and child care advice, crisis management, and food, and housing and rent.

So far, 467 care providing agencies have been identified and included in the system. This service actually relieves the pressure on 911 operators, who formerly answered questions on many non-emergency issues, and prevents duplication of services among participating organizations.

The operation of the service has been outsourced to Switchboard of Miami. This agency also provides the service to Florida East Coast counties. They have multi-lingual operators, trained in crisis management and counseling, who provide information and help. In addition, a partnership has been created with Lee County 211 to provide "warm transfer" of calls received which could be better handled in the other county.

It is anticipated that some 3,000 people will be served in 2012, and a realistic number for future referrals may be as high as 10,000 per year. There is a good web site, www.collier211.org which provides a demonstration of the types of problems solving and referral agencies available.

\$\$\$ 50/50 \$\$\$
This Week's Big Prize: \$1,701
 Frequent Winner Bob Lombardo drew the
 A♣ to win \$100 which he donated to the
 Wheelchair Foundation.



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

Happy Birthday!

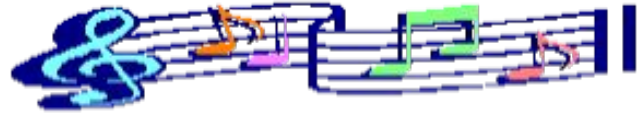
Chris Riesen May 12th
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Guy Quinn May 13th
Buddy Cliff May 14th

The Spoke Folk

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The 4-Way Test
 of things we think, say or do.

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



You're A Grand Old Flag
G. M. Cohan

**You're a grand old Flag;
 You're a high flying flag
 And forever in peace may you wave.
 You're the Emblem of the Land I love,
 The home of the free and the brave**

**Every heart beats true
 Under Red, White, and Blue
 And there's never a boast or brag
 Should old acquaintance be forgot
 Keep your eye on the Grand Old Flag!!**

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
	11:45 AM	Bonita Springs Noon Spanish Wells CC
Friday	7:30 AM	Naples-Pelican Bay. The Club at Pelican Bay.

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Our club honored four EHS seniors with scholarships.



Stephanie Kissinger, Tim Schmidt, Katarina Pedit, McKenzie Lundgren, Amber Huther, Steven Slachta

The newly formed "Professional Chorus"



Steve Krchniak and a portion of the chorus singing for Gerry Myers' birthday.

The First Annual Cornhole Tournament



The Venue



First and Second Place Winners



Jason Dolle with Third Place Team