



The Spoke

The Rotary Regulars



Club President **Bill Oehler** welcomes **Zack Zackon** (rr) at the first "Rotary Regular Meeting", Feb 19, 2002.

The Rotary Regular program began in September, 2000 with this, "Invitation" from President Diane Lepola:

"Every Season you are a part of a cadre of loyal visiting Rotarians-men and women-who attend our meetings regularly and participate in club functions such as Christmas Tree sales, the Mardi Gras Auction, Reverse Raffle, social events, etc. You are, indeed, a significant asset to our club and our work.

As a recognition of your involvement and to encourage your continued participation we invite you to become a Rotary Regular."

The remainder of the "invitation" included a description of special benefits to be granted to the Regulars as well as the cost, \$10/year, and the cost saving of \$10 vs \$12 for breakfast at Highland Woods. There were 10 charter members introduced on Wednesday, October 18th, 2000.

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The Rotary Club of Bonita Springs

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LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President **Stephanie Kissenger** welcomed us on *National Peanut Butter and Jelly Day*. **Tom Briers** gave the invocation, **Joette Deane(rr)** led the Pledge of Allegiance, and **Jasmin Mann** flawlessly recited the 4-Way Test. **Ron Anderson** threw us a change up and led the singing of *God Bless America* instead of The Spoke published song.

Stephanie reported that **Klaus Helf** is doing well, up and walking around just a couple of weeks after quintuple bypass surgery.

Rick Barber was appointed by Governor Rick Scott as the Southwest Florida Representative to the South Florida Water Management District Board.

Jason Dolle announced the second annual **Cornhole Tournament** (bean bag toss) will be held April 27, behind the Holiday Inn at Ft. Myers Beach. The effort is for the Gift of Life. Last year there were 48 teams and about 150 people. Jason needs help with sponsors. For \$400 a sponsor will get a custom Cornhole set with the sponsor's logo. There is a \$4/team fee for contestants. It is double elimination with cash and other prizes.

Stephanie says bills for club dues for the quarter will be going out. Some members are behind on last quarter's dues. These need to be brought up-to-date before the end of the fiscal year in June.

She also said that there will be a Club Assembly on April 30th. If you have issues that you would like to bring up please contact Stephanie or a board member and they will get it on the agenda.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Howard Lemur is a 4 year resident of Bonita Springs and a new member of the club. He was born and raised in Miami. His parents considered themselves "political exiles" from Cuba. As his mother was half Chinese, he describes himself as a "Chuban". He says, "My biggest accomplishment is yet to come."

After Howard's parents divorced he was fortunate to meet a man who became a mentor to him. The man taught him to "Say the truth and let the chips fall where they may". Howard has been following this advice even though this has been the hardest thing to do throughout his life.

He was married and divorced with a 14 year old son living in Miami. He came to the Naples area on week-ends as an equestrian and horse trainer. Then he began coming on Wednesdays after he met Jasmin and finally moved here and is now engaged.

He is the founder of ProCon a full service construction company. His goal is to manage the homeowner's money and manage people to see that the architect's dreams come to fruition.

He says that "With Rotary, I get more than I give. No where else can I start my day with the Pledge of Allegiance, a song, and a prayer. For that I'm always coming back."

Dave Riker, Florida Tarpons
Ultimate Indoor Football League



Steve Slachta introduced **David Riker** who among other things, is owner of the Florida Tarpons of the Ultimate Indoor Football League (UIFL). This is league of professional teams from mid market communities playing indoor, arena style football.

Dave gave us a rundown on his entrepreneurial background. He started out building a lawn maintenance business as a high school student that grossed \$2.9 million. Dave came to the area in 2005 working for A to Z Roofing. After two years, he bought the company from the owners.

He became involved with the Tarpons when they got him to be a "ball sponsor". In the UIFL there are no nets around the "field" so that any ball that goes into the stands is kept by the fans and A to Z gets a promotional plug.

Last year Dave made the team as a player. He became more involved, now owns the team and the league.

Dave says this is the 27th business he has owned since he was 15. "I see things and I fix them. It's not always the right fix. However, I've learned to take emotion out of the decision making process in business and that's what I do."

Dave described the business model of the teams. The league has a salary cap in place. Players split a pool of \$3,000/game. The players have day jobs in places like Lowes, Home Depot and several are coaches at local area high schools. They practice 3 times per week during the March to June season. For many of the players the league is an opportunity to play and "put up a film" to be used as a resume to try to get on an NFL team roster.

The idea of the league is to give local business owners the opportunity to do something that has the appearance of being big. There are plenty of opportunities for sponsorship for this family friendly entertainment.

Upcoming Speakers

Today, Guillermo

Phillips, M.D. "Autism"

April 16, Paul McGrath, Esq., "Are we or The Supreme Court ready for same sex marriage?"

April 23, Christine Ross and Carl Schwing, "Bonita Springs and Economic Development"

April 30, Club Assembly.

May 7, Tony Ierardi, DeLorean Motor Company & Gulf Coast Motor Works

Club Events

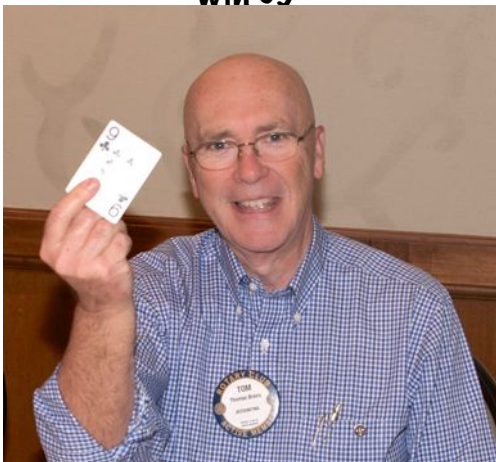
Reverse Raffle, Saturday, April 20th, 6pm St. John The Evangelist Church Hall

Annual Cornhole Tournament, Saturday, April 27, Ft. Myers Beach. Contact Jason Dolle

District Conference, May 16-19. Contact web site or Jane

In order to give back to the community, the team is now offering free admission to First Responders and Veterans. Any veteran can get two free tickets by showing any form of military ID, DD214, etc. The next home game is April 19th at Germain Arena.

"The Fifty-Fifty" NOW \$2,650*
A Wide-eyed Tom Briers drew the 9♣ to win \$5



As always..we're all winners as the "Fifty-Fifty" helps keep our club strong and ready to serve.

It's A Birthday Celebration!

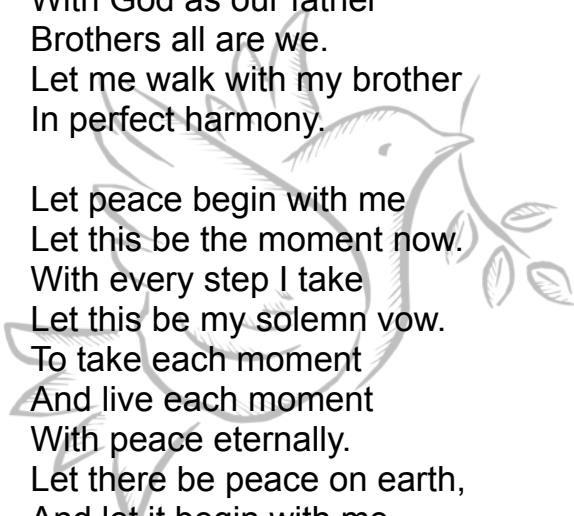


Jim O'Leary April 4
John Spear April 12
Brian Olitsky April 15

Rotary Sings

Let there be peace on earth
 And let it begin with me.
 Let there be peace on earth
 The peace that was meant to be.
 With God as our father
 Brothers all are we.
 Let me walk with my brother
 In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me
 Let this be the moment now.
 With every step I take
 Let this be my solemn vow.
 To take each moment
 And live each moment
 With peace eternally.
 Let there be peace on earth,
 And let it begin with me.



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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?



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