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# The New Guys

**Inducted Last Meeting** 



**Jack Powers** 

Frank Liles, Jr

**Jack Powers** is Senior Vice President of Sales with Gulfshore Insurance, Inc in Naples. He said his company's business is about "building relationships. Therefore, the corporate values of professionalism, integrity, accountability and mutual respect are not limited to their interactions with customers, but also extend to those among staff. He says it helps to be 'a little lucky," but adds, "the organization works hard to ensure they're bringing the right people on board".

**Frank Liles Jr** is a native of Bonita Springs. He has served as president of the Bonita Springs Jaycees and as a director of the Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce. He is a commissioner of Bonita Springs Fire and Rescue, and a member of the Cypress Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite of Freemasonry and Araba Shrine Temple in Fort Myers. He has been a director of BSU since 1986.

He retired from his nearly four-decade-long career with Sprint in 2005.

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#### LAST WEEK'S MEETING



It was the 12th annual Rotary and fost Regular Meeting.

Larry Miller(rr) presided. In accordance with local tradition, he announced that it was National Name Yourself Day. Andy Frech(rr) delivered the invocation:

Bob

Langhans(rr) led the Pledge of Allegiance; and Dave Langendorfer(rr) masterfully delivered the 4-Way Test. Song leader Joette Deane(rr) noted the Rotary slogan for the year, "Peace Through Service", and led the singing of Let There Be Peace on Earth.

Among the Joys and Concerns, **Klaus Helf** is up and about after quintuple by-pass surgery. **Jay Berube** announced that he and Jessica have a new baby girl. **Adam Botana** is asking for return of his Rotary pins, "No questions asked".

Steve Slachta introduced the faculty and students of the month from Estero High School and presented them with gift certificates. The honorees were Paul Edmund, Staff of the Month; Michelle Lauber, Faculty of the Month; Haley Phillip, Academic Student of the month; Austin Young, Service Student of the Month. Austin is in Student Government and the NHS as well as being an active Interact member. His kindness shows through in the classroom when helping those around him.

**Ray Faubion** is offering tickets to the noon club's Fine Wine Tasting, Wednesday evening, May 22nd for \$20/person. The event is a fund

It was the 12th raiser for the Bonita Assistance Office and is not all Rotary being held in conjunction with Fresh Market.

**Don Manley**, who claimed to be representing "One crusty old SOB we have in this Rotary Club", wanted to collect money and reverse raffle stubs. Don also distributed El Salvador trip information saying "sign up if you think you'd like to go. It looks like it's going to be a great trip. You pick somebody off the ground and put him in a wheelchair". He reminded us of the words of Ken Behring (Wheelchair Foundation), "Governments can't change things, only people can change things".

**Jason Dolle** showed off the custom Cornhole board with a logo. You can have a set for your organization for \$400. The tournament is April 27th to benefit The Gift of Life.

**Bobbi Bird** thanked all who participated in the Relay for Life. The club is close to its goal of raising \$2,500.



Sue Masters, Bobbi Bird, Bob Lombardo, Jim Friedgen, and Gerri Spaeth at theRelay

**Susan Schmitt** presented **Sara McCallum** with her permanent blue badge and retired her probationary red badge.

Guillermo Philipps, M.D. Autism in SWFL



Marjorie Rubacky introduced our speaker Dr. Guillermo Phillips, a pediatric neurologist at Golisano Children's Hospital of SWFL Center for Autism. Marjorie related the experiences of her autistic grandson. He is a good looking, intelligent child who can not speak. He has made progress because of professional help and parental involvement.

Dr Phillips said autism is identified with language deficits, socialization deficits, repetitive behavior problems and may be accompanied by seizures, sleep,

behavior, and learning problems. Diagnosis is based on specified criteria and may require additional objective testing.

New data suggests that as many as 1 in 50 U.S. children is autistic. The rate has increased dramatically in the last 10 years. Some of the increase may be due to better diagnosis. Based on population estimates there may be 70-100 autistic children in Bonita Springs and 1200-2000 in Lee County.

Autism is caused by genetics in association with environmental factors. In fact, the exact causes are not known. A 1998 study, later discredited, showed a causal relationship to MMR vaccinations. More recent evidence in the U.S. and other countries show no evidence of a connection. There are some studies that show an increased risk with increased parental age.

Treatment of is mainly accomplished with Applied



# Upcoming Speakers

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

**May 14,** FGCU Rotaract trip to Costa Rica

#### **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 Goble.

Behavior Analysis Therapy and other treatments including physical, occupational, and speech therapies. Additional support is provided by school, parent support groups, social skills groups, and community activities. The goal is to help the child achieve his greatest potential.

The Center for Autism is developing an organization and partnerships to provide diagnosis, treatment plans, and case management for children in the 5 county area of SWFL.

### "The Fifty-Fifty" NOW \$2,695 A Happy Joette Peane drew the A♠ to win \$100



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

## It's A Birthday Celebration!



None

# Rotary Sings Home on the Range

Oh give me a home, Where the buffalo roam, And the deer and the antelope play, Where seldom is heard, A discouraging word, And the skies are not cloudy all day.

#### Chorus:

Home, home on the range,
Where the deer and the antelope
play,
Where seldom is heard,
A discouraging word,
And the skies are not cloudy all day.
Oh give me a home,
Where the buffalo roam,
And the deer and the antelope play,
Where seldom is heard,
A discouraging word,
And the skies are not cloudy all day.

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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?