



The Spoke

The Winnah! The Final Five Split \$15,000



George moderates as member and representatives of The Final Five deliberate.

The 17th annual Reverse Raffle ended with a whimper as The Final Five, mostly proxies, decided to take \$3,000 apiece and call it a night.



There was an overflow crowd of 410. This was 60 more than rsvp'd and made it difficult for the caterer staff and the club's organizers.



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LAST WEEK'S MEETING

A "bell-less" **Stephanie Kissenger** presided. There are various theories about the location of the bell and gavel. The most popular being it went to Michigan with some Rotary Regular. **Mark Generales** delivered the invocation, **Klaus Helf** led the Pledge of Allegiance, and **Camilla Campbell** flawlessly delivered the 4-Way Test. **Ron Anderson** led the singing of *Home on the Range*.

Clara Anne Graham represented the club at Shots for Tots. She reported 8 families were served and 30 shots given.



A happy **Kenny King** with his new club shirt.

Susan Schmitt announced the "Trade-in center" was open for those whose shirts were the wrong size or color.

Mark McCaw discussed the summer Saturday Golf. This is fun, low key golf outing each Saturday morning at "some of the nicest

clubs around". Start times are 9-9:30 and the cost is \$35-\$50. Couples, singles, and groups are welcome. Please email Mark if you are interested.

Tom Burgess introduced the Rotaracters, Jazmin Williams, President, Antoine de Maleissye, Treasurer, and an international student from Armenia, Saren Abgaryan, a Rotaract member. This will be their last appearance until fall.

Stephanie announced that "dues are due". She is asking for good attendance at the Club Assembly, April 30th. There is a proposed by-law change to be voted that requires a 2/3 vote of the club members.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Dr. Claudie Delgado-Feeney, DMD is the daughter of Cuban exiles. Her father had been jailed in Cuba before escaping in 1956. Claudie was born in NJ and brought up in Miami. She graduated from the U of Miami then went back to NJ for dental school. There she met her husband, Owen, falling in love "while making dentures".



Claudie and Owen did their dental practice residencies in Miami. Then in 1999 they decided to open up practice in "the fastest growing city in the country", Bonita Springs. She feels blessed to have great friends among the wonderful people of the area.

Claudie has four "awesome" children, ages 12, 10, 7, and 4. She feels fortunate to have a career and still be able to enjoy times like this. Her passion, therapy, and greatest accomplishment, other than the kids, is running marathons. She has completed 12 half marathons and 2 full marathons. Her dream race is the NYC marathon. Last year she raised \$4,000 for Sloan-Kettering in order to get in the race. She trained and was ready to go when the marathon was cancelled by Hurricane Sandy. She is committed to running there this year.

She joined Rotary for the sense of belonging, camaraderie of the members, and to give back to the community that has given so much to her. She particularly enjoys the wonderful way we get to start our day with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer.

J. Paul McGrath

The Supreme Court and same-sex marriage



Richard Garner introduced our speaker, **J. Paul McGrath**, a distinguished attorney who was nominated by Ronald Reagan in 1981 to be Assistant U.S. Attorney General. He was Assistant AG in charge of the Civil Division for several years then became Assistant AG in charge of the Antitrust Division. Subsequently he became General Counsel of American Standard and GMC

Corporation. After retiring to Bonita Springs he has remained active in the Speaker's Bureau, Bonita YMCA, and Bonita Bay.

Paul spoke on to the question of whether we as a people or the Supreme Court are ready to address the same sex marriage issue. There were two cases recently heard by the Supreme Court. One was the California case involving Proposition 8, which was a ban on same-sex marriage, the other is an appeal of the lower courts invalidating the federal Defense of Marriage Act of 1996.

He suggested that it might be too early for the U.S. Supreme Court to be deciding gay marriage. He noted that it has only recently been openly discussed and practiced in a few states and there is little case law on the issue. In addition, legislative jockeying on the issue is very active in several states now. In the past, the Supreme Court would usually "let the issue simmer" perhaps until there was a more clear consensus.

He contrasted the speed with which the gay marriage issue has evolved compared with the time required to undo racial segregation. The first step was the "Separate but Equal" doctrine decided in the 1890's. It was not until the 1950's when the Texas Law School case declared the law schools that admitted blacks were not equal and the Brown vs the Topeka Board of Education case where it was decided that "separate is inherently unequal" that equal rights gained favor. This evolution in thinking took more than 60 years.

He was unwilling to predict the outcome(s) of California case beyond that "the court will rule in June or July and the

verdict will not be unanimous.

The Defense of Marriage Act (1996) said that for purposes of federal law a marriage is defined as a marriage between one man and one woman. There are more than 1,000 federal statues affected including taxes, bankruptcy, and immigration. Lower courts have declared DOMA unconstitutional. Paul points out the Supreme Court has previously declared state laws against interracial marriage unconstitutional. He is "not brave enough to predict what the Supreme Court will do", however he does feel it is likely DOMA will be history.

Upcoming Speakers

Today, Christine Ross and Carl Schwing, "Bonita Springs and Economic Development"

April 30, Club Assembly.

Club Events

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

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

Friday, May 31st. Passing of the Gavel. Save the evening.

**"The Fifty-Fifty" NOW \$2,801
A Disappointed Ray Faubion drew the 2♠
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!



None

(But Jay and Jessica Wedding Anniversary, April 22)

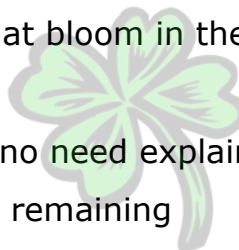
Rotary Sings A Four Leafed Clover

I'm looking over a four leaf clover

That I overlooked before

First is the sunshine,
the second is rain

Third is the roses
that bloom in the lane



There's no need explaining
The one remaining

is somebody I adore

I'm looking over a four leaf clover

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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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