



The Spoke

Last Week: Ross Dickmann



Our speaker was Ross Dickmann, executive director of The Terraces. Ross came to SWFL in January 2013 to set up The Terraces. He was responsible for hiring the management team and provided oversight to project completion. Prior to coming here, he was at one of the finest retirement communities in the Southwest, Querencia in Austin, Tx. After 21 years in the Coast Guard, Ross began his career in the retirement business as a volunteer. He has done everything from sweeping to now being in charge.

The concept of Continuing Care Retirement Communities dates back over 100 years. Originally started as a component of faith based organizations designed to provide housing for older adults and was fueled by resident personal assets. There are three types: A. Large entrance fee, resident covered for life; B. Moderate entrance fee, resident pays reduced health care costs; C. Low entrance fee, resident pays prevailing health care costs.

The Terraces is a type A Life Care facility with 400,000 sq. ft. of homes and common areas. The operation is designed to provide luxury, resort-style living, support services, and health care throughout the continuum of life. There are 14 different models of 1 to 3 bedroom apartment homes, fine and casual dining, private garages, indoor and outdoor pools and a fitness center. Services include housekeeping, maintenance, local transportation, tennis and bocce courts, concierge service, and lifestyle programming.

It is part of SantaFe Health Care of FL a non-profit HMO. The development was financed by \$150 million of tax exempt bonds.

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LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President **Bobbi Bird** presided. Her quote for the week from Mr. Rogers. "If only you could sense how important you are to the lives of those you meet; how important you can be to people you may never even dream of. There is something of yourself that you leave at every meeting with another person."



Area Governor Dr. **Larry Byrnes** read the invocation; **Ray Faubion** led the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Rick Barber** recited the Four Way Test. Songmaster **Ron Anderson** led the singing of God Bless America.

Scott Gerrish reported that **Bob Langhans**(rr) had hip replacement surgery on March 27th. He is recovering nicely and hopes to be back by the end of April.

Steve McIntosh announced that the Interact Club at Estero High School has a project to collect books and bibles for the Golisano Children's Hospital. The club members that have been honored as Student of the Month have donated their \$25 Barnes and Noble gift card awards to the book drive.

Bobbi presented the previously reported Herb Barnes "Heart of Rotary" award for this



year to **Dave Langendorfer**, "because Dave just keeps on giving, like the Energizer Bunny."

Gerry Myers presented **Peter Zahner** with a Paul Harris +2 award. Gerry said, "Peter has been a member since October 1998 and has

always been one of our most active and generous members."

Two New Members Installed

Area Governor, Dr. Larry Barnes, presided at the installation of new member **Kanema Clark**, and returning member **Len Eckert**.



Dr. Kanema Clark

Len Eckert

Peter Zahner introduced new member Dr. **Kanema Clark**. She is an upper cervical chiropractor with the Arc of Life Family Spinal Care in Bonita Springs. Peter said, "She is a proactive women who will be a proactive member of the club."

Jim Dati introduced Len saying, "Len spends most of his time at IconDo, his business that received the Chamber of Commerce, Business of the Year Award. Len previously was the recipient of the 'go to guy award' because I found that whenever I asked Len to do anything, he always said yes and gave willingly of his time, talents, and treasure."

George Cohan declared that he had a particularly joyous Sunday watching both Michigan basketball teams "go down". He will be rooting for Wisconsin because, "I want no part of Kentucky for the fourth time." His parting shot was "How about those Florida Gators!"



POLIO ERADICATED IN SOUTH EAST ASIA REGION

The World Health Organization certified on 27 March its 11-country Southeast Asia region has eradicated polio. The region's last wild polio case was reported in West Bengal, India, on 13 January 2011.

The region includes Bangladesh, Bhutan, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, India, Indonesia, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and Timor-Leste. Its more than 1.8 billion people represent over 25 percent of the world's population.

Southeast Asia joins WHO's Region of the Americas (1994), Western Pacific Region (2000), and European Region (2002) in eradicating polio, marking another vital step toward a **polio-free world by 2018**. Densely crowded cities, migrant populations, and poor sanitation posed daunting challenges to eliminating the disease from Southeast Asia.

India PolioPlus Committee Chair Deepak Kapur called eradicating polio in his country "a monumental task, demanding an extraordinary effort by all levels of government and partners involved. **Backed by more than 100,000 Rotarians** across the country, we helped to ensure maximum support for everything from National Immunization Days (NIDs) to mop-up immunization rounds."

Also crucial were "the extensive efforts we made to build goodwill and acceptance of polio immunization in the Muslim community and among religious leaders," said former Rotary Foundation Trustee Ashok Mahajan. **Rotary** clubs created additional support by conducting free health camps to meet basic needs such as measles immunization, free checkups, medicines, vitamin A supplements, and eyeglasses.

In Sri Lanka, ceasefires during the country's civil war were pivotal to carrying out NIDs in the 1990s. As a first step, **Rotary** leaders and UNICEF established contact with the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam.

"Our war is not with the children," replied

the group's leader, stating that if **Rotary** and UNICEF could persuade the government to stop the war for two days, they would be willing to lay down their arms too. Subsequent NIDs became known as Days of Tranquility.

In Bangladesh, **Rotary**, WHO, and UNICEF boosted public awareness of the need to eradicate polio, motivating parents to have their children vaccinated during NIDs. In Nepal, **Rotary**, the national government, WHO, and UNICEF worked hand in hand to make the country polio free. Nepal held its first NIDs in 1996 and recorded its last indigenous wild polio case just four years later.

The GPEI's challenge now is to eradicate polio in the three countries where the disease has never been stopped: Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Nigeria. And recent outbreaks in the Middle East and Horn of Africa are stark reminders that polio anywhere is a threat everywhere.

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Relay for Life. Saturday, April 26th, 4 pm until Sunday, April 27th, 7 am.

District Conference. Thursday, May 1st thru Monday May 5th. Grand Bahama Island. Contact Jane Goble.
janegoble123@gmail.com

Reverse Raffle. Saturday, May 3rd. Remember you don't have to be present to win.

Mystery Event. May 8th. Bobbi will tell us later.

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NEWS FROM UP THERE

Following one of the coldest winters in decades, the lingering impacts of this year's harsh winter are taking their toll on the maple syrup industry, as Mother Nature has showed no mercy in the month of March for many of the nation's top-producing states.



As the top maple syrup producer for the United States, last year Vermont made more than 1 million gallons of syrup, nearly 40 percent of the total U.S. production, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, or USDA.

Last year proved to be an ideal year for the industry, as all states showed an increase in production from 2011. However, this year's cold weather pattern across much of the Midwest and Northeast has halted the start of the tapping period, as a result delaying the start of the sugar season.

Before the start of the sugar season, typically spanning sometime between January and early May, the maple trees must be tapped.

"Tapping is done prior to the sugar season which occurs whenever the nights are freezing and the days are thawing in the spring," Owner of Morse Farm Maple Sugarworks in Montpelier, Vt., Burr Morse said. "The optimal weather is nights in the mid-20s, the days in the mid-40s and wind from the west or north."

While nights have been freezing across the prominent maple syrup-producing states, the daytime highs have been problematic since it has been unusually cold. So far this March, temperature departures spanning from Minneapolis to Burlington have all been at least 4 degrees below normal. In Burlington, Vt., departures have been over 9 F colder.

"We normally would be making maple syrup sometime between the beginning of late February or the 10th of March, but it's just been too cold," Co-Owner of the family-owned Sugarbush Farm in Woodstock, Vt.,

Betsy Luce said.

Other major maple syrup-producing states, including Wisconsin and New York, are also experiencing challenges due to lingering wintry weather.

With snow still on the ground, and historically the majority of maple syrup produced in April, farmers can only wait for milder weather. However, the threat of a rapid spring warmup presents yet another worry.

"What we don't want to see is a quick transition from these below-average temperatures to above-average temperatures," Executive Director of the Vermont Maple Sugar Makers' Association Matthew Gordon said.

A sudden warmup could cause the maple trees to bud and this will end the sugaring process.

"We are somewhat dependent on the weather ahead," Gordon said.

On the other hand, if the weather cooperates with gradual warming during the day and freezing nights, maple syrup producers could experience another year of ample crop.

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The 50/50 Now
\$2,772

Last Week:
a Disappointed
Carl Bals

drew the **7** ♦
to win **\$5.**

Rotary Sings: Don't Fence Jon In

(Chorus)

Oh give me land, lots of land under blue skies
above,

Don't fence me in.

Let me ride through the wide open country
that I love,

Don't fence me in.

Let me ride by myself in the morning breeze
And listen to the murmur of the cottonwood
trees,

Send me off forever but I ask you please

Don't fence me in.

(Verse)

Boston turn me loose, let me straddle my old
saddle

Underneath the eastern skies

On my two wheeler let me wander over
yonder

Till I see the ocean waves

I want to ride to the beach where Key West
commences

And gaze at the moon till I lose my senses
Just give me a beer when I get there please,

Don't fence me in.

(Repeat Chorus)



**It's A Birthday
Celebration!**

Jim O'Leary April 4th

**Upcoming
Speakers**

Today:

Susan Schmitt

Camp Florida

Next Week:

Susan Bridges

Center for the Arts

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?

This Morning's Invocation

Almighty God, we thank you for life and all its
components, both good and adverse, because through both we
are strengthened.

We ask for wisdom and strength not our own in order to
make our citizenship and our professional endeavors worthy
examples of life lived with integrity and compassion.

We intercede for members of this and other clubs who are
experiencing adversity of any kind. Sustain them by your
grace and power. May they be uplifted and encouraged by the
support of their colleagues and friends.

We offer thanks for the food and purposeful fellowship
received here. We are grateful for the happy privilege of just
being here. Amen

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