



The Spoke

Zane Grey, Author, Fisherman



Rosanne Vrugtman, PhD

Marjorie Rubacky introduced guest speaker, Dr. **Rosanne Vrugtman, PhD.** Rosanne is a fan and expert on the life of the American author Zane Grey one of the world's most prolific writers and world record holding fisherman.

In his youth Zane Grey was a semiprofessional baseball player and a half-hearted dentist, having studied dentistry to appease his father while on a baseball scholarship to the University of Pennsylvania.

But he wanted above all to write, and taught himself to write with much stern discipline so as to free his innate and immense storytelling capacity. For Zane Grey became the best-selling Western author of all time, and for most of the teens, 20s, and 30s, had a least one novel in the top ten every year.

His marriage in 1905 to Lina Roth, whom he called Dolly, was a triumph of the old-fashioned "complementary" model of matrimony, wherein the husband ranges freely to sustain the inspiration for his calling, in this case the writing of adventure-romances, and the wife tends the family, edits the manuscripts, and makes deals with the publishers. It is fair to say that Dolly's belief in Zane's calling was the single factor most responsible for the success of his lengthy career.

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LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President **Sandy Hemstead** presided. Past President **Gerry Myers** delivered the invocation; **Jack Powers** and the EHS honorees led the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Chris Riesen** flawlessly recited the Four Way Test. **Ron Anderson** led the singing of *When Irish Eyes are Smiling*.

Len Eckert reported the Bonita Blues Festival went very well with record attendance. **Sue Masters** reported she had had health issues and is happy to be back. It was nice to see **Geri Spaeth** return after an illness.



Sandy and **Peter Zahner** officiated at the induction of new member, **Mary Saunders**. Mary's classification is Residential Real Estate Sales Associate. She professes to be a "recovering attorney."

Jack Powers reviewed the process used to select the monthly honorees from Estero High School. Each month one member from faculty, one member from staff, and two students are selected by the school's principal from a list of nominations. One student is selected for service achievement and the other for academics. All receive a plaque with their name and a \$25 gift certificate to Barnes and Noble. Jack said, "The folks I will introduce are truly doing outstanding work at Estero High

School. That's why they are here at this meeting."

Sandy reported that the club along with the Estero and Bonita Noon clubs had agreed to support some high school students for a 4 day RYLA training course. She had hoped to get 5 students and that had already been funded. A surprising 20 students, freshman and sophomores at EHS, applied. With the help of **Kae Moore**, 12 were selected, students "that we absolutely love." It was decided to send 9 students with 3 more being alternates. That means funding 4 more students at \$300/student. Anyone interested in contributing please contact Sandy.

We welcomed former long time, Rotary Regular **Ralph Petit**, who is visiting here for a month.



George Cohan reported on the Reverse Raffle. He said there had been only 308 tickets turned in prior to the meeting, but by "Cohan" time most had been turned in. There were about 5 tickets unsold.

He attempted to get an indication of how many would show up for the event and after interrogating the gathering guessed that 350 people would come.

George grudgingly acknowledged a special New York Yankees check given to him by **Steve Krchniak**.

Then, he said, "I want to make it official. This is my last year." This was greeted by a chorus of disappoint from his loyal fans.

Steve Hiatt, Member in the Spotlight



New member **Steve Hiatt** was called on for his three minute “Spotlight” talk. Steve had been a Rotary Regular for many years so is not a stranger. Now that he living here more than 7 months a year he became a member of the club.

He grew up in central Indiana. His parents were both educators. In high school, he did the usual things, baseball, football, 4H, and Boy Scouts.

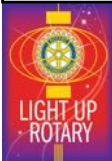
After high school, he graduated from the General Motors Institute in Flint, MI as a mechanical engineer. He worked for GM for a bit then returned to school to pursue an MBA. After graduation he returned to GM

hoping to get into corporate marketing.

Soon, however, his father-in-law invited him to join in the little chemical distribution business he had started. Steve and his brother-in-law ran the business for the next 30 years developing it into 7 locations in IN, IL, and KY. When people ask him if he misses working, he says, “I really miss the people I worked with, but I don’t miss worrying about 45 trucks with hazardous chemicals running around the highways everyday.”

Steve has been married to Diane for 48 years. They have two children and 7 grandchildren. He enjoys golf, travel, and children’s visits. He first joined a Rotary club in 1989 in Indianapolis. That club’s money raiser was running a souvenir shop at the Speedway. He looks forward to being an active member of our club.

Students/Staff of the month from Estero High School. Service Student, Kristina Eller; Faculty, Joge Romanach; Staff, Madeline Giovanniello; Academic Student, Daley Cline.



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Last Week: The Blue Buckets won \$83



The 50/50 Now \$500

Rotary Sings: So Happy Together

Imagine me and you, I do
I think about you day and night, it's only right
To think about the girl you love and hold her tight
So happy together

If I should call you up, invest a dime
And you say you belong to me and ease my mind
Imagine how the world could be, so very fine
So happy together

I can't see me lovin' nobody but you
For all my life
When you're with me, baby the skies'll be blue
For all my life

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 Week:

Ellin Goetz
The Everglades

Birthdays

Roger Brunswick ??
Dave Hanley (rr) Mar 12
Scott Angevine Mar 18

This Morning's Invocation

Almighty God, as we gather for yet another weekly opportunity to renew our fellowship and reaffirm our principles and purpose as Rotarians, we are grateful for the gift of repetition, for returning to a familiar place, conversing again with friends and colleagues we have greeted numerous times before.

With hope represented in Spring, help us to be re-energized and recommitted to visions of service not yet rendered, goals not yet attained, and fires of faith not yet kindled.

Hear our prayer of thanksgiving for food and fellowship, by which we are energized and strengthened for recurring opportunities to serve others. Amen.

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