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April 18, 2012



Last Meeting

President Jim presided. **Susan Schmitt** delivered the invocation. **Harv Humphrey** led the Pledge of Allegiance and **Carl Schwing** led the 4 Way Test. **Ron Anderson** conducted a rousing rendition of *Edelweiss*

“Bags on the Beach”

Jason Dolle offered a report and update on our “Bags on the Beach” fundraiser which will be held April 28 at the Holiday Inn Fort Myers Beach. Encourage your family and friends to signup for our cornhole tournament at www.CharityCornhole.org. Jason reported that we have been garnering great visibility as we advertise this event—but your help is needed. Please consider sponsoring or volunteering for this fun tournament. See Jason for additional information and mark April 28th on your calendars. Thanks Jason for your hard work.



Congratulations to **Todd Kluener** and **Les James** on receiving their permanent blue badges from **President Jim**.

Time to Start Training...**Brian Olitsky** reported that our Rotary run will take place this year on July 4th. A Committee is being formed to plan this special event. If you are interested in helping, please see **Brian**.

And finally...**Don Manley** reported on “Paddling with a Purpose.” See next week's Spoke for a full report on this great project.

Last Week's Program “United States Coast Guard Auxiliary”



Joe Murgalo introduced us to **Jim Mayer** and **John Gaston**, members of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary who briefed us on the mission of the Auxiliary, namely that of contributing to the safety and security of our citizens, ports, and waterways. Thanks Gentlemen for an informative and interesting presentation.

A Paul Harris Moment

Gerry Myers conducted a Paul Harris initiation ceremony. Congratulations to **Jess Berube** on



receiving her initial Paul Harris and **Richard Garner**, **Gary Murphy** and **Frank Ogden** on receiving their multiple Paul

Harris designations. Thanks for your generosity and support of our Rotary Foundation.

Our President's Message
Reflections On "Change"

In the first message I wrote...last July, I quoted Mohandas K. Gandhi, who said, "You must be the change you wish to see in the world." And in the months since, I have had incredible opportunities to travel the Rotary world and see how Rotarians everywhere are bringing those words to life.

Creating positive change means, at its simplest, using our knowledge and resources to solve a problem.

But when we are talking about solving humanitarian problems in a real and lasting way, knowledge and ideas and resources are not enough to ensure results.

We have to remember something else that is no less important: sustainability. A sustainable solution is one that will continue to work even after the Rotarians who proposed and facilitated it are gone. This means that even though the project might have come from Rotary originally, the community will take ownership of it.

But before we step into a community and attempt to solve its fuel problem with solar ovens, we have to fully understand its situation – and look beyond the problem we see. Perhaps the local foods need to be cooked at a temperature higher than the solar oven can provide. Perhaps the area is windy, and the solar ovens would blow away. Perhaps it's traditional in that area to begin cooking before dawn, which, of course, you cannot do with a solar oven. These are issues you simply might not have thought of, but that could soon lead to the solar ovens being used to patch roofs or keep animal feed dry instead of for cooking.

If we are trying to bring about change, it's not enough to say, "My way is the better way." We have to be listening and watching, not just talking. We can only help others if we reach out with an open mind – and with the knowledge, the commitment, and the perseverance to deliver on what we promise.



Relay for Life



Sandy Scoggins reported on the various activities surrounding the Relay for Life event which occurred this past weekend. Our Club has actively supported this initiative and Sandy acknowledged **Jon McLeod** (who spearheaded our "alternative fund raising strategy which raised \$2500) and **President Jim**, presenting them with Relay T-shirts.

Member Spotlight

To begin his time in the Member Spotlight, Tweit explained the pronunciation of his name, since this is obviously a point of interest. It rhymes with "Dwight" and is actually the name of a small town in Norway where his family originated. Now, on to a little about one of our newest members.



After growing up in Minnesota and earning a degree in business and construction, Tweit found himself moving to south Florida. He has been here for seven years and enjoys his home inspection business and living in this area. A favorite quotation comes from one of his idols, Evangelical Christian Jim Elliott: "He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain that which he cannot lose." His own statement is quite inspirational as well: "Possessions don't mean nearly as much as the people you love and what you do."

Inspired by what he saw his Rotarian friends doing, Tweit decided to join our club and make a difference. Thanks for a very inspirational presentation, Tweit, and welcome to our club!

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This Weeks Big Prize—\$1512



An astounded **Ralph Pettit (rr)** drew the Two of Diamonds to win \$5.00.

As always...the real winner is our Foundation which gets one half of the

Happy Birthday

None to Report

The Spoke

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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?



Let's Sing, Rotarians!

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.

Rotary Make-Up Opportunities

Monday	Fort Myers South/Holiday Inn Bell Tower (Noon)
Tuesday	Estero Spring Run 11:45 am
Wednesday	Naples Gulf Shore 730 am Naples Beach Hotel 12:15pm Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club
Thursday	Naples North Country Club of Naples 7:30 am Bonita Springs-Spanish Wells CC
Friday	Naples-Pelican Bay Club at Pelican Bay 7:15 am

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