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Last Meeting

President Jim presided. **Mark McCaw** delivered the invocation. **Ron Anderson** led the Pledge of Allegiance and **Tom Briers** led the 4 Way Test. **Ron Anderson** conducted a rousing rendition of *You're A Grand Old Flag*.

Bedding for the Future, Part Two...Jay Berube announced that our "Old Fashioned Bed Race" team was currently composed of himself, Les James, and Brian Olitsky. President-elect Stephanie joined the team which will compete in the race as part of the Bonita Springs July 4th Celebration. Thanks and good luck. Race proceeds benefit YMCA camp scholarships.

President Jim convened the Club into assembly for purposes of recognizing and electing new Trustees for our Foundation. He called upon Jim Dati, Nominating Committee Chair, for a report. Jim acknowledged the work and efforts of his fellow Committee members, John Spear and Don Thomson and then proceeded to offer the names of Guy Quinn and John Mathes as Committee nominees for the open Trustee positions. The Club elected both by acclamation. Congratulations Guy and John.



Susan Schmitt turned our attention to this year's Poinsettia Sale. She observed that a number of organizations make holiday purchasing commitments during the summer.

The Committee will thus be focusing its attention on identifying and calling upon those organizations. If you would like to serve on this year's Poinsettia Committee, or know of a prospective purchaser, please see Susan.

Last Week's Program Robert McHarry "Partners for Promise"



Last week we heard from Robert McHarry who has, for the past 35 years held a variety of positions with the Florida Department of Children and Families. He cur-

rently works in the Community Development Office focusing on customer relations. He addressed us on the Partners for Promise program.

Partners for Promise is a strategic volunteer initiative designed to strengthen local communities by coordinating the efforts of a variety of agencies and organizations to improve the lives of children and families in need. We learned how Partners for Promise directs volunteer efforts into five areas called the "Five Promises for Florida." The five Promise areas are Academic Success, Family Prosperity, Healthy Living, Child Safety, and Support for Seniors.

Mr. McHarry offered a number of examples which highlighted the ways in which individuals can become involved and positively impact the lives of others. The initiative is driven and supported locally and in effect, "matches" need with help available in order to achieve desired outcomes. Thanks for an informative presentation.

Honor Flight



Roger Brunswick offered a very moving and poignant description of his Honor Flight experience last week. Honor Flight is a program which allows our heroes to travel to Washington DC to visit and reflect at their memorials. Thank you Roger. Your remarks underscored the meaning and importance of this initiative.



Thanks to **Mark McCaw** for assuming duties as Program Chair Coordinator for the coming Rotary year. If you would like to volunteer and arrange for speakers during one of the upcoming months,

please see Mark. Thanks also go out to Mark for arranging our weekly, summer golf outings.

Keep training...Brian Olitsky reminded us that the "Star Spangled 5K" will take place 7:00 am July 4th. The race will kick off Bonita's Independence Day celebration. We are looking for runners and helpers. A sign-up sheet will be circulating soon. You



can register for the race on-line at our website

An Evening of Celebration Our Installation and Awards Banquet



\$\$\$50/50\$\$\$ This Weeks Big Prize—\$2,070



An elated **Rex Sims** drew the Two of Spades to win \$5.00.

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

Happy Birthday

Jay Berube, June 15 Bill Oehler, June 16 Dave Struble, June 17 Jim Horein, June 20

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Let's Sing, Rotarians!

Somewhere Over the Rainbow

Somewhere over the rainbow
Way up high,
There's a land that I heard of
Once in a lullaby.



Somewhere over the rainbow
Skies are blue,
And the dreams that you dare to dream
Really do come true.

Someday I'll wish upon a star And wake up where the clouds are far Behind me.

Where troubles melt like lemon drops Away above the chimney tops That's where you'll find me.

> Somewhere over the rainbow Bluebirds fly. Birds fly over the rainbow Why then, oh why can't I? If happy little bluebirds fly Beyond the rainbow Why, oh why can't I?

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