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November 2, 2011



Last Meeting

President Jim presided. **Martha Erickson** delivered the invocation. Todd Kluener led the Pledge of Allegiance and **Brian Zamorski** led the 4 Way Test. **Ron Anderson** led a rousing rendition of *When The Saints Go Marching In*.



Dave Shellenbarger provided an update on our Poinsettia Sale and advised that personalized flyers are available for your marketing use. If you would like one, please contact Dave. Thanks for your continuing support of this important fundraising initiative ...and remember, thanks to **Joe Murgalo** and the Hyatt, the seller of the most poinsettia plants will receive a gift certificate for dinner at Tarpon Bay

President Jim offered an update on the our 100,000 meals packing initiative which will take place at the Hyatt Coconut Point on December 17. The Fort Myers South Club will be joining and supporting our efforts. We will also be seeking District Simplified Grant funding to provide core resources for this important event. Thanks also to **Jon McLeod** as his "alternative, sports based fund raising efforts" have provided an interesting and light hearted way of supporting this important event.

President Jim advised that the Lee County Sheriff's Department will be dropping off a collection box in support of its Christmas Drive to provide toys/gifts for deserving children. In addition at this morning's meeting, Steve Agius, a member of the Noon Club and our District Wheelchair Chairman, will be presenting certificates to those who purchased a wheelchair in support of that important initiative.

This Week's Program

Mark Mangino "On Character and Leadership"



Last week we heard from Mark Mangino, former head football coach at the University of Kansas. Before assuming his

role as the Jayhawks Head Coach, Mark spent time at Kansas State and Oklahoma where he served as an offensive coordinator and assistant coach. While at Kansas, Coach Mangino compiled an impressive record highlighted by the 2007 season where the Jayhawks went 12-1 and defeated Virginia Tech in the Orange Bowl. In recognition of his efforts, Mark was named Coach of the Year.

Coach Mangino offered a very interesting perspective on the state of college football and its challenges particularly in view of conference realignment. But it was his description of the Character First Initiative that seemed to resonate with its importance and significance. The purpose of Character First was to make players better people. Through a variety of techniques, Coach Mangino and his staff made a difference as his players achieved success both on the gridiron and more importantly in the classroom. Thanks Coach for your leadership.

From RI

World Polio Day



October 24 was World Polio Day, as Rotarians around the world united to show support for ending the disease, which still strikes young children in Asia, Africa, and the Middle East. For more than two decades, eradicating polio has been Rotary's No. 1 priority. Through the *Global Polio Eradication Initiative*, Rotary has come "this close" to its goal. The number of polio cases worldwide has dropped 99 percent since 1985, and the virus remains endemic in only four countries—Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan. As of October 12, India has reported only one case of the virus this year compared to 39 cases during the same period in 2010. But much work remains. The final 1 percent of cases presents the most difficult and expensive challenge. Failure would open the door to a resurgence of the disease that would put millions of children at risk of life long paralysis. Eradicating polio would free up billions of dollars to address other world problems. **The RI website suggests a number of ways to help—right now. Please check them out.**

Rotary Social



Thanks to **Jim Dati** (and his Phone) for providing this picture of last week's Member Social held at Johnnie Malloy's. These monthly socials are great ways to meet and relax with fellow Rotarians...plan to attend next month's social which we understand will also feature a cornhole demonstration in anticipation of our upcoming tournament.

Member Spotlight



Born in Washington, D.C., **Marjorie Rubacky** began her career in a most exciting way; her first job was on Capitol Hill in the office of the U.S. Representative from New York. After falling in love with Gerry, a

Georgetown med student, she started a second career as a mom. Once the children were in school she returned to the business world in the banking field. As banks began to downsize and lay off employees, she started her own executive search firm out of her home and later grew the company to the point where she needed larger quarters in New York City. Later she became involved for 20 years in the outplacement field before retiring to Bonita Springs.

Since "retiring" Marjorie has been busier than ever - chairing a capital campaign for the Center for the Arts, working to re-open the Bonita Springs YMCA, and in various positions with the Chamber of Commerce, The Assistance Office of Bonita Springs, the B.S./Estero Economic Development Council, Hodges University, and on the re-election committee for Mayor Ben Nelson.

Her commitment to her community is wide ranging and impressive and Marjorie's devotion in that regard has been recognized by her friends and colleagues as she was the recipient of the 2010 Love of Bonita Award, Zonta Woman of the Year, Volunteer of the Year of the YMCA and our own Club's Service Above Self Award.

We enjoyed the irony and humor Marjorie shared as she gave us a glimpse of all the things she's accomplished in her lifetime! Thanks Marjorie for all you do and for being a great Rotarian.

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This Weeks Big Prize



Last week a triumphant **Scott Gerrish (rr)** drew the King of Clubs to win \$5.00

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



Let's Sing, Rotarians!

When You're Smiling

When you're smiling
 When you're smiling,
 The whole world smiles with you.
 When you're laughing
 When you're laughing,
 The sun comes shining thru.
 But when you're crying,
 You bring on the rain.
 So stop that sighing,
 Be happy again.
 'Cause when you're smiling
 When you're smiling
 The whole world smiles with you



Happy Birthday

Susan Schmitt, November 3
Dave Shellenbarger, November 3
Jack Blake, November 5

Rotary Make-Up Opportunities

- Monday Fort Myers South/Holiday Inn Bell Tower (Noon)
- Tuesday Estero Spring Run 11:45 am
- Wednesday Naples Gulf Shore 7:30 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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