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Last Meeting

President Stephanie presided. **Steven Slachta** delivered the invocation. **Tom Burgess** led the Pledge of Allegiance and **Clara Anne Graham** the 4 Way Test. **Ron Anderson** conducted a rousing rendition of *Sidewalks of New York*.



Flower Power Rocks...we are fast approaching the conclusion of this important fund raiser. So keep selling those poinsettias and remember every poinsettia order delivered allows you to draw from the poinsettia table's grab bag and win a fabulous prize. Thanks for your help and support—we will be placing our order this month.

Ron Anderson announced a Habitat for Humanity work day Saturday, November 10. A sign up sheet is circulating or see Ron directly for more information. Spaces are limited.

Gary Colecchio advised that Dictionary labeling will take place October 6 at 8 am at the Lee County Public Education Center with distribution to occur in November. Please mark your calendars and assist if you can with this “signature” Rotary service initiative.

Jon McLeod offered a very, very extensive and comprehensive overview of our alternative fund raising initiative and the state of NFL football. Your weekly support is important as it will benefit our local YMCA.

And finally...Bobbi Bird briefed us on “Halloween in the Park” October 31 sponsored by Bonita Association of Realtors. We'll be providing “hospitality” to the trick-or-treaters. Candy donations (no chocolate) will be appreciated.

Last Week's Program “Club Assembly”



Last week we met in Assembly, offering an opportunity to inform and be informed in the spirit of Rotary. We focused on our Club's service areas and initiatives and **Sandy Scoggins** led off with an update and overview of our International Projects. Over the past five years our Club has contributed \$722,000 resulting in eight QBeta Matching Grants, a Matching Grant for a Water Tank in Guatemala; Tata Swatch Matching Grant in India, a matching grant to purchase an ambulance in India and three Gift of Life grants. Sandy also reported that we have several projects “in progress” among them are a

literacy matching grant in Bolivia, a matching grant in India to provide reverse osmosis water systems for three schools, a matching grant to provide school supplies for 1,000 children in Costa Rica and a reverse matching grant to equip ten Habitat for Humanity homes.

Jessica Berube briefed us on the activities of our Social Committee which she is heading up along with Theresa Lombardo. Our next social will be October 26 at the Bonita Bay Beach Club. On November 9th we will have a very special “member celebration” and on the 17th of December, the Lombardos will be hosting a holiday open house. Jessica also advised that plans are underway to plan a Naples Princess cruise.

Dawn Colecchio reported that our Christmas Party this year will be held Saturday, December 8th at St. John the Evangelist Parish Center. Look for your invitations in early November.

Jay Berube spoke about our Club’s biggest fundraiser, the Christmas Tree Sale. The Sale’s overall approach has been that of making the tasks more “member friendly.” The length of shifts and job responsibilities have been modified so the Sale offers an enjoyable social outlet. Jay has commented on the Sale’s sponsorship opportunities and the impact they have on insuring the project’s success.

Peter O’Flinn commented on the work of the Public Relations Committee. The Committee will be focusing its efforts on raising community awareness of the good and important work of our Club.

Bobbi Bird educated us on the importance and convenience of Rotary webinars. Webinar topics are “Rotary specific,” comprehensive and educational. To learn more journey with your browser to rotary.org/webinars. She also invited us to participate in and support “Riverfest,” the “Imperial River Challenge,” Holiday in the Park and Relay for Life all of which will be featured in future editions of the Spoke.

Jim O’Leary and **Jason Dolle** concluded our Assembly with useful information about our website and its possibilities. Thanks to all.

From RI

“Cyclists Have Rotary’s Back”



On 17 November, Rotarian cyclists and Rotary International General Secretary John Hewko will hit the pavement along with 9,000 riders from around the world in El Tour de Tucson, a charity bike ride sponsored by University Medical Center in Tucson, Arizona, USA.

The Rotarians are raising money for Polio-Plus. In 2010, cyclists from 16 clubs in Arizona, Mexico, and California brought in \$35,000.

Rotary Club of Tucson member Matt Blair designed jerseys and riding shorts emblazoned with the Rotary emblem and End Polio Now; the Rotary Club of Marana set up an aid station to provide water, snacks, and portable toilets for all riders; and photographer Gary Rumack, of the Rotary Club of Rincon (Tucson), documented the event. District 5500, which organized the Rotarians' participation, is inviting riders to join the 2012 tour.

The El Tour de Tucson, which sports four course allowing cyclists to ride 109,79,66, or 40 miles has been held for 29 years. District 5500 hopes to raise \$200,000 at this year's ride. Last year, 85 Rotarians took the El Tour challenge.

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This Weeks Big Prize—\$652



A delighted **Steven Slachta** drew the Nine of Diamonds to win \$5.00.

As always...we're all winners as the "fifty-fifty" helps keep our Club strong and ready to serve.

Happy Birthday

None to Report

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Rotary "Sings"



Take Me Out To The Ball Game

Take me out to the ball game,
Take me out to the crowd --
Buy me some peanuts and Cracker Jack,
I don't care if I never get back!
We will root -- root -- root for the Indians
If they don't win it's a shame;
For it's one! two! three strikes you're out!
At the old ball game.

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