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Last Meeting

President-elect Bobbi presided. **Ray Faubion** delivered the invocation. **Ron Anderson** led the Pledge of Allegiance and **Peter O'Flinn** led the 4 Way Test. **Ron Anderson** conducted a rousing rendition of *Bye, Bye Blackbird*.



Jon McLeod briefed us on our alternative fundraising initiative which allows us to follow the NFL, contribute to our Foundation and impress everyone with our superior sports prognostication abilities. So look

for those "pool sheets" each and every week, participate, enjoy those games and most importantly support a great cause—and congratulations to **Ed Houck** who had 13 correct picks last week.

Jessica Berube announced that she and Theresa Lombardo have assumed responsibility as Co-chairs of our Club's Social Committee. The Committee is planning some outstanding events including a kick-off "mix and mingle" at Sea Level in Bonita Springs on September 25. Mark your calendars and plan on attending.

Flower Power... 300 poinsettias are sold and **Susan Schmitt** is looking for additional orders to drive momentum as we approach the conclusion of this important fund raiser. And don't forget...every poinsettia order delivered allows you to draw from the poinsettia table's grab bag and win a fabulous prize. Keep those poinsettia orders coming and thanks for your help and support—we intend to place our order in October so time is of the essence.



Last Week's Program

Nancy Ross/ Ray Faubion
"Foundation Update"



Last week **Nancy Ross** and **Ray Faubion** collaborated on a very useful and informative update on the activity of our Club Foundation. Joined by members of the Foundation's past leadership team, the presentation offered clear insight into our Foundation's operation and mission.

Its overall corpus approximating \$316,000 our Foundation's grant activity was allocated 45% to Local causes, 9% to those Regional and 6% to International initiatives. The Grant categories were further divided into seven key focus areas, "Peace," "Water," "Disease and Hunger Prevention," "Maternal and Child Health," "Education and Literacy," "Economic and Community Development," and "Other, most comprised of distributions to Rotary International."

A partial summary of Grant activity in each of the key focus areas is as follows: **Peace:**

Veterans Memorial \$2500; Foreign Exchange Student Support \$1500; Honor Flight \$500. **Water:** Guatemalan Water Project \$3100; India Water Project Matching grant \$1000. **Disease and Hunger Presentation:** Meals of Hope \$5,000 (combined with \$2000 Club contribution); Tornado Disaster Relief \$2250; Bonita Assistance Office \$250. **Maternal/Child Health** Polio Plus \$2400. **Educational and Literacy:** Scholarships \$3500; Dictionary Day \$1097; I Like Me, Spring Creek 1600; Literacy Council-Moms and Tots \$3500; WGPU Reading Rainbow \$1000; Teacher Sponsor \$400; Last Egret \$600. **Economic and Community Development** YMCA \$4000; Salvation Army \$3000; Matching Grant-Poland \$3000; Camp Florida \$900. **Other** RI Annual Program Funds \$16,000. Nancy also reported that since June of this year the Foundation has provided grant funding in support of the Wheelchair Foundation facilitating a shipment of wheelchairs to Honduras and a Habitat for Humanity matching grant in Poland.

Ray offered an update on the Foundation's education initiative through earmarking funds for a Scholarship endowment fund. Historically, Ray observed that one of the Foundation's initial focus areas was that of providing scholarship funding so it is fitting and appropriate \$100,000 has been set aside for this purpose. In addition the Foundation will continue to supplement the Scholarship endowment with a portion of the funding it receives from the Club. The endowment can also accept gifts from individual donors and any of the Foundation Trustees would be happy to review that possibility.

The Foundation is a special resource of which we should be proud and there are things we can do as Club members to support its mission. The Foundation approved \$59,508 in support of local projects and initiatives last year so be sure to communicate community needs to any Foundation Trustee and thoughtfully consider a personal contribution to Foundation to allow it to continue work which is local, national, and international in focus. Thanks Nancy and Ray for a comprehensive presentation and to our Foundation Trustees for their good and important work.

Calling All Golfers

President-elect Bobbi reminded us that on Saturday, September 29, the Rotary Club of Estero will host a four person shotgun scramble beginning at 8:30 A.M. There are super prizes, including a brand new automobile for that "hole in one!" There are still holes open for sponsorships (\$100) and slots open for players (\$80 pp) so get your team together and get ready for a day of fun! For an entry form or more information, email Rosemarie Hurley: hhurley13@comcast.net or contact any member of the Estero Rotary Club.



Peter O'Flinn, shown left beaming after having received his permanent blue badge from **President-elect Bobbi**, announced that a meeting of the Club's Public Relations Committee was to be held this past Friday. If you were unable to attend and have an interest in serving on this Committee, pleased let Peter know.

Christmas in September... **Jay Berube** announced the formation of our Christmas Tree Sale Committee. 500 trees will soon be on their way and our Tent rises from the ground on November 17. Mark your calendars and see Jay if you'd like to serve on the Committee.

And finally...Zowie! Due to the generosity of **Len Eckert** we had another dramatic bonus 50/50 drawing as **Brian Olitsky** won a YMCA Family Pass. Congratulations Brian and thanks once again Len!



\$\$\$50/50\$\$\$
This Weeks Big Prize—\$652



An ecstatic **Steve McIntosh** drew the Two 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.



Rotary "Sings"



Happy Birthday

Chris Cole—September 21
Ed Houck—September 21
Mike Liggins—September 21
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Is it FAIR TO ALL CONCERNED?
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G. M. Cohan

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Tell all the gang at Forty-Second Street
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Tell them of how I'm yearning
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