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Last Meeting

President Stephanie presided. **Ira Hawk** delivered the invocation. Our **Rotaract Club** led the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4 Way Test. **Ron Anderson** conducted a rousing rendition of *Give My Regards to Broadway.*



Flower Power Rocks...we have sold 400 poinsettias 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.

Congratulations Bobbi...Nancy Ross moved and we unanimously seconded **Bobbi Bird's** nomination as District Governor Nominee for 2015-2016—a well deserved honor for a great and committed Rotarian.

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.

Hard to believe but Dictionary Day is fast approaching and **Gary Colecchio** briefed us on important, upcoming dates. Dictionary distribution will occur in November with "label day" taking place Saturday, October 6.

And finally...the Rotary Club of Estero Golf Outing takes place this Saturday, September 29. For an entry form or information email Rosemary Hurley: <u>hhurley18@comcast.net</u>.

Last Week's Program "Rotaract"



Rotary International reports that "all Rotaract efforts begin at the local, grassroots level, with members addressing their communities' physical and social needs while promoting international understanding and peace through a framework of friendship and service." We saw and learned first-hand of the meaning of "Rotaract effort" here in Southwest Florida as **Tom Burgess** introduced us to this year's FGCU Rotaractors.

Jazminn Williams (Vice-President), Imani Gibbs (Secretary); Keaira Mitchell (2nd year member); and Rozzelle Santos (new member) hosted a very informative, multimedia presentation briefing us on Rotaract's plans, accomplishments and vision as it embarks upon a new year at FGCU.

The Club will be embarking on several new community service initiatives such as the food drive in Immokalee—we wish them well and look forward to their next visit.

Awards of Excellence



It was great seeing **Steven Slachta** stride once again to our podium and present this month's winners of the Estero High School Awards of Excellence. Congratulations and best wishes go out to Jennifer Seluk (Faculty of the Month); David Kaczmarek

(Support Staff of the Month); Katy Solis (Academic Student of the Month) and Amanda Libby (Service Student of the Month.)

From RI

"On Building Bridges"

Londonderry, Northern Ireland, once torn by civil unrest and violence, is now thriving with culture and a popular destination. The city's transformation, which came about after the peace process in Northern Ireland culminated in the



Good Friday Agreement, serves as a shining example of how a city can make the transition from conflict to peace.

To mark the 15th anniversary of the historic agreement, the Rotary Club of Londonderry will host a three-day international peace forum, <u>Peace Through Building Bridges</u>, 24 -26 May. The event promotes the 2012-13 RI theme, *Peace Through Service*, says conference chair John McMonagle.

"After many turbulent years in our history, we as a people have reclaimed peace and we want to share our experience with the world," says McMonagle, a member of the Londonderry club. Nearly 1,000 Rotarians and guests have registered for peace-building workshops. Keynote speakers include **RI** President Sakuji Tanaka.

The goal of the conference, says McMonagle, is to "contribute to reconciliation, learning, and self-expression to those committed to peace through the world. We want to show how just one Rotary club can play a big part in communicating this message."

It's Been A Great Season



Throughout the summer season the efforts of **Mark McCaw** and his committee have made it possible for us to visit and play some of the top golf courses in Southwest Florida. Thanks Mark. The above photo of some world class golfers ready to take on Miromar Lakes emphasize and underscore the great fun we've all had on the links.

In Tribute



We met Karen Watson, Director of Our Mothers Home at a meeting several weeks ago and learned of the good and important work that organization provides. So it was good to see **Bob Lombardo** present Karen with a \$10,000 grant on behalf of the National Association of Independent Life Brokerage Agencies.

\$\$\$50/50\$\$\$ This Weeks Big Prize_\$652



A delighted **Don Manley** drew the Two of Clubs to win \$5.00.

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



Bill Banfield, September 29

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Rotary "Sings"



Sidewalks of New York

East side, west side, All around the town, The Kids sing "Ring a rosie," "London Bridge is falling down." Boys and girls together Me and Mamie O'Rourke Tripped the light fantastic On the sidewalks of New York.

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