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Rotary Club of Bonita Springs



February 10, 2010

Today:

Dr. James Browder, Ed.D, Superintendent of Lee County Schools will be our speaker.

Last Week:

Nancy Ross presided; Gerry Myers gave the Invocation; Jimmy Underwood led the Pledge of Allegiance; and Scott Gerrish (rr) led the 4-Way Test. Song leader/historian Steve Krchniak led the singing of "When Johnny (Jenny) Comes Marching Home".

Joys and Concerns

We welcomed **Ira Hawk** at today's meeting. **Jimmy Underwood** reported a successful signup for youth and kids programs at the YMCA. **Bobbi Bird** told us she won two tickets to the Super Bowl. (None for sharing).

Other Notes

Dick Fredrickson reported a successful **Shots for Tots**, serving 22 families with lots of kids. He thanked **Scott** and **Amalia Gerrish** for helping.

Ugo Assi and Peter Zahner explained a club effort to sponsor donations for The Wheelchair Foundation. The club will contribute \$50 to match a member's contribution for the first 20 donations. (Maximum 2 per matches per member).

Visitor **Gary Dwzorkin** of Rochester, NH presented his club's flag to President Nancy. **Dennis Landfried** said he needs more volunteers and items for the runners' goody bags for the upcoming **5K Run**. Sergeant-at-Arms Valet, **Roger Brunswick**, bantered with Visiting Rotarians and guests, pitched the Rotary Regular program, and did a "short and sweet" birthday greeting for **Gary Price**.

Last Week: Speaker

Steve McIntosh introduced our speaker, **Ken Kavanaugh,** who started as FGCU Athletic Director in June 2009. Ken came to



FGCU after a successful 13 year stint at Bradley University in Peoria, IL. Ken said his goal is to help produce the next generation of future leaders. He said "The vast majority of student athquality letes are people." They are demand after graduation because they have learned teamwork, time management, and how to deal with failure. At FGCU. the student athletes

have an average 3.15 GPA vs. 2.97 for all students. Thirty three have a GPA of more than 3.5.

FGCU is in the third year of a four year transition to full NCAA Division I membership. Teams have already won seven Atlantic Sun conference championships. This year FGCU is allowed to have two teams in NCAA tournaments if they can qualify. Ken lauded the women's volleyball and the men's baseball teams.

Ken said there soon will be a comprehensive feasibility study for football. He said that "Football is a big bite" and pointed out some of the financial hurdles to be overcome.

.. Rotary Regular in the Spotlight



Herb Barnes is a long time Rotary member from the Portland. Maine Rotary Club. He first joined Rotary 1965 at Pennsylvania club and a later was a Charter Member of the Litchfield, CT club. He joined the Portland club in 1983 and became Rotary Regular in 2006.

In Pennsylvania, Herb was chairman of a large summer youth exchange with a district in Normandie, France. Le Grand Echange sent or received 300 kids each summer in District 7430, eastern Pennsylvania. He also organized a district program for Youth Exchange while a member of the Connecticut club.

Herb graduated from Cheltenham, PA high. There he says, "All attempts to be a sports hero failed miserably. I wound up doing shot put – or it did me." But then at UPenn he became successful athlete, rowing with Jack Kelly (Grace's brother) for four years. He graduated from UPenn with a BA and from the Bank Street College of Education with a M Ed. After a stint of teaching in Poughkeepsie, he returned to UPenn for a masters degree in Social Work.

His primary working career was in Social Work, mostly Child Welfare. He was executive director of three residential institutions for youth in Pennyslvania, New Hampshire, and Connecticut. Along the way he became a Fellow of the American Orthopsychiatric Association; founding editor of one professional journal and editorial board member of two others; and adjunct professor at Universities of Minnesota, Connecticut, and New England.

Herb says, "My present job is retirement and I'm quite good at it. "In addition, he is working on two books. Herb met his wife, Liese, almost 50 years ago. She is Austrian. They were married in Vienna and have continued to have strong ties with Austria. These ties led ultimately to Herb's developing an international professional program, The International Learning Exchange in Social Education (ILEX), which he and Liese ran for twenty years.

They have two sons, Stephen in Colorado and Alan with whom they share a three-generation house here in Bonita Springs. Being with their grandchildren is their reason for leaving Maine for half the year.

In Maine, Herb and Liese live on a 42' wooden boat and spend summers exploring the coast of Maine from their home port of Yarmouth. As soon as they can sell the boat, they will "return to the land" at a cottage on a Maine lake.

Herb says Rotary has been his best resource for feeling connected and useful here in Bonita Springs.

Upcoming Events:

<u>Hats and Shirts</u>. February 17th is the last day to order from Roger Brunswick.

New Member Social 5 PM, Wednesday, Feb. 24th at the Trianon Hotel.

Reverse Raffle. The Reverse Raffle is Saturday, March 20th, 6:00 PM. The ticket entitles you to dinner, drinks, dancing for two, and a chance to win \$15,000; a great value for a \$100.

Rotary 5k Run. Saturday, April 10th.

Next Week: Ideas?

Next week we will have **Club Assembly** to brainstorm ideas for fund raising.



\$\$\$50/50\$\$\$ This Week's Big Prize: \$1,539

Bob Lombardo drew the Ace of Diamonds to win \$100. Of the 27 cards remaining there is an ace worth \$100 and the Joker which wins you the pot if drawn.

\$1 per ticket, 3 for \$2, 10 for \$5, 25 for \$10



Let's Sing, Rotarians! Let Me Call You Sweetheart

Let me call you sweetheart,
I'm in love with you.
Let me hear you whisper
that you love me, too.
Keep the love-light glowing
in your eyes so true.
Let me call you sweetheart,
I'm in love with you.

Rotary Make-Up Opportunities

| Monday | Noon | Fort Myers South. Crowne Plaza, Bell Tower |
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| Tuesday | Noon | Estero. Elk's Lodge. |
| Wednesday | 7:30 AM | Naples - Gulf Shore. Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club. |
| | 12:15 PM | Naples. Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club. |
| Thursday | 7:30 AM | Naples North. Collier Athletic Club |
| | Noon | Bonita Springs Noon. Spanish Wells CC. |
| Friday | 7:30 AM | Naples-Pelican Bay. The Club at Pelican Bay. |

Happy Birthday!

Bobbi Bird February 14th George Cohan February 15th

The Spoke Folk

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