



The Spoke



Ravi's Message

We viewed a video message from RI President Ravi. He said the Rotary is starting the year in a position of unprecedented strength. Rotarians are serving more communities in more clubs than ever before. **The challenge is to keep up the momentum; to find new ways to bring new members into the club and to enhance the experience of Rotary so that more members choose to stay.**



He said, "It is time as well to sharpen our focus on the younger generation, smooth the path from Rotaract to Rotary so that every Rotaractor is welcomed into a Rotary Club when the time is right. **We need to identify and remove the obstacles that keep young professionals from joining Rotary. And we cannot forget the recently retired who have the experience, energy, and resources to make a difference.**

"Above all it is time to find new ways to add value to the experience of Rotary. This is why we are launching an exciting new member benefit program, **Rotary Global Rewards, providing discounts on products and services used most.**

"Our membership today is near historic levels, our work more ambitious than ever. Let us keep moving forward so that Rotary will be more than ever a **Gift to the World.**"

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The Rotary Club of Bonita Springs

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LAST WEEK MEETING

President **Tom Briers** presided, week 8. **Steve Slachta** read the invocation, **George Cohan** led the Pledge of Allegiance, and **Wayne Hemstead** recited the Four-Way Test flawlessly.

Steve Krchniak was brought out of retirement to lead the singing of "When Johnny Comes Marching Home". He had us modify the lyrics to "When Jenny .." to recognize the women in the military.

George Cohan was Sergeant-at-legs as he chastised **Roger Brunswick** for showing off his legs in shorts. Roger had a decent reason for shorts so George told him, "Ok, next time change in the parking lot."

George missed celebrating **Gary Murphy's** birthday last week. He offered \$10 for a redo. Most felt \$10 was not enough however, Murphy got another serenade from the ladies choir.

Jon McLeod announced some preseason college football rankings. After reading the top 10 list, he asked "what list is this?". Turned out to be a ranking of teams by the number of players arrested in the last five years.

Jay Berube introduced Exchange Student **Eva Herraros Navaro** from Alicante, Spain. She will be attending Estero High School and taking advanced classes. Jay says she is a pleasure to have around. She claims to be a FC Barcelona soccer fan.



Paul Harris Fellowships Presented



Sara McCallum called **Rex Sims** and **Wendy Arsenault** to the front. Rex dedicated a PHF to Wendy. Sara noted that Wendy had been chairman of the Poinsettia sales and had done many other tasks for the club and the community including Bark in the Park. Rex believes "your life exemplifies the



humanitarian and educational objectives of The Rotary Foundation. We thank you for demonstrating in your life and vocation a commitment to helping persons in need here and around the world."

Sara then presented PHF awards to **Brian Olitsky** (4) and **Mark McCaw** (6).

Wayne's Member Moment



Wayne Hemstead said that when applying he had been worried that there might have been so many “professional horsemen” already in the club that he might be ineligible. He began riding when he was eight years old. He spent his high school years working as

a groom after school and on weekends. Then, after working for 38 years, he retired and went back to his first love, horses.

When he retired he moved to Florida and earned P.A.T.H. certification as a Therapeutic Riding Instructor in Kissimmee. While there, he had a part in Shakespeare’s *Taming of the Shrew*.

He moved to Naples in 2012, is an instructor at the Naples Equestrian Challenge, and teaches special needs children and adults how to ride as part of their therapy. **He still feels the need to contribute and “..so what better way than to become a Rotarian.”**

Paul Tuebner USAID



Jason Dolle introduced our speaker, **Paul Tuebner** . He retired from USAID, a State Department agency, after 31 years service.

Paul told us he was proudest of his work in Honduras after Hurricane Mitch. He helped develop more than 3,000 drinking water projects in small towns and cities.

USAID takes the lead for the U.S. at major disasters around the world. Paul told of his experiences in Haiti after the earthquake and in Mali where he was wounded and “didn’t get a Purple Heart”. He finished his career in “the basement of the Pentagon” as an advisor to the JCS.

He said in developing local projects it is important to involve local partners like Rotary Clubs. He found people’s priorities are often a lot different than what the government says they are.

SAVE THE RHINO Today's Speaker

Today’s speaker is **Simon Gluckman**, Founder of Intrepid Expeditions. The company’s motto is “*Safari Your Way.*”

Simon was born in South Africa and raised in the U.S. His passion for Africa developed as a child, spending summers with relatives touring South Africa’s national parks and the famed

Garden Route.

After college, he took a six month overland trip through five Southern African countries, inspiring him to help others experience this mystic continent.

He is going to be talking about conservation efforts in Africa, specifically about the Rhino.



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Last Week: Tom Briers drew the 2 ♥ for \$5



The 50/50 is \$1,213

Rotary Sings: School Days

School days, school days
Dear old Golden Rule days
'Reading and 'riting and 'rithmetic
Taught to the tune of the hick'ry stick
You were my queen in calico
I was your bashful, barefoot beau
And you wrote on my slate,
"I Love You, Joe"
When we were a couple o' kids

The 4-Way Test
of things we think, say or do.

Is it the **TRUTH**?

Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?

Will it build **GOODWILL** and
BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all
concerned?

This Week

Simon Gluckman
Intrepid Expeditions

Birthdays

Joe Murgalo Aug 27th

This Morning's Invocation

O God, we come humbly into your presence by this avenue of prayer, expressing both our gratitude for gifts received, and our yearnings to be used as gifts to others.

To that end, grant us visions of service yet unrendered, an awareness of goals yet unattained and hopes yet unrealized. Give us zeal and power to bring to reality the good and worthy things waiting to be done, and confirm our efforts by your assistance without which we labor in vain.

Strengthen us now by food prepared and enjoyed. Enlighten us through productive conversations, and go with us as we return to waiting opportunities to make the day better for others. Amen.

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