

## Rotarians Distributing Dictionaries...

On Friday, October 2nd, SWFL Rotarians distributed personal dictionaries to all Lee County third graders. This is the 18th year of this effort.

The photo at right by **Ron Anderson** shows some kids at the Bonita Springs Preparatory and Fitness School showing off their new books presented by Ron, **Wendy Arsenaault**, and **Mark Generales**.



## ...and Celebrating Donation of Wheelchairs

On Tuesday, September 29th, the clubs of Area 3, Bonita Springs, Estero, and Bonita Springs Noon met to present the check for the funding of container of 110 wheelchairs to **Jack Drury**, President Southeast Region Wheelchair Foundation. The chairs will be received by Rotarians in the Bahamas next month.

A couple of years ago, these same three clubs put together a large container and participated in their delivery to the Rotary club of Tegucigalpa, Honduras.



From the left, Steve Agius, Wheelchair Chairman, Gary Israel, Estero, Jack Drury, Tom Briers, Mike Rusk, Noon club.

## LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President **Tom Briers** presided, week 14. **Chris Riesen** presented the invocation; **George Cohan** led the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Mark Generales** performed the Four Way Test flawlessly.

St. Louis Cardinal fan **Ron Anderson**, attired in a Cardinal shirt, led a rendition of *Take Me Out to the Ball Game*. We sang an extra verse, *Red Sox Fans Lament*:

Take me out to the ballgame.

First, let's stop at the bank.

I'll need a mortgage so I can pay.

Parking the car is another outlay.

And pay big bucks for a hotdog.

The cost of beer is insane.

First it's Oh my! Prices are high  
at the old ballgame.

Tom told us of a concern. At the last meeting he lost a silver ball point pen. The pen was given to him by his father 43 years ago when Tom passed the CPA exam.

Obviously the pen is important to Tom and he would love to have it back.

We welcomed **Frank Kinzie** (rr) as our first returning Rotary Regular. Others are sure to follow.

**Ron Anderson** reminded us of the great music **Saturday, October 17th, 6 pm. Gift of Life Concert** at St. John the Evangelist for benefit of the Gift of Life. Tickets are \$75/pp which includes valet parking, hors d'oeuvres, and wonderful music. Ron suggests that if you don't like this kind of music, buy 2 tickets and give them to a friend. Contact Ron for more information.

Tom convened a "business meeting". The motion was to **nominate Sandy Hemstead to be District Governor 2018-19**. The motion was moved, seconded, and **passed unanimously**.

### **Jim O'Leary demonstrated some useful web sites for members.**

Website	What's There
<a href="http://www.facebook.com/myrotary">www.facebook.com/myrotary</a>	Information and individual posts about Rotary members and activities. Your posts about Rotary will show up here. Check on the grandkids while you're at it.
<a href="http://www.rotarydistrict6960.org/">www.rotarydistrict6960.org/</a>	District 6960 (ours) website. Has data base of all club members with phone, email, addresses, picture. <b>Members may maintain their own information.</b> Contact Jon McLeod or Jim O'Leary if you have log-in trouble.
<a href="http://www.bonitaspringsrotary.org">www.bonitaspringsrotary.org</a>	Our club website. Has general articles about Rotary, our club, Rotaract, Interact. <b>Dues can be paid here.</b> New member forms can be downloaded here. The Spoke archives are available. Access to the club calendar.
<a href="https://www.rotary.org/">https://www.rotary.org/</a>	The is Rotary International's very complete website. Has many resources for Rotarians about world wide activities, news articles, administrative information, etc.

## After the meeting Tom wrote:

I was very pleased with both the attendance and the member input at yesterday's Club Assembly. **Thanks to all who attended and participated.** I hope you felt it was time well-spent.

There were some great ideas brought forward. **Don Manley** is going to put together a display box to have on hand at all of our events, showing the various programs we sponsor in the community and worldwide.

**Drew Clark** is going to shepherd our Social Media program to put emphasis on our service projects, as well as our social good times.

**Jon McLeod** is going to provide guidance for members to expand our recognition through our social media contacts.

**Bobbi Bird** wants to have the 4-Way Test displayed in every school in the community. It was suggested that we plan a joint social with the Friends of Lovers Key, since we are jointly undertaking the nautical flea market with them.

Other ideas presented on the sheets I provided each table included: (1) **Programs/Socials** -- Joint social with the other local Rotary clubs; Your Business Day programs for members to answer questions about their businesses; (2) **Fund Raisers**--Casino Night; Friar's Night; (3) **New Service Projects**--Provide transportation for members who need assistance for medical appointments; (4) **New Ideas/Critiques**— Involve new members promptly as leaders of projects; invite spouses of deceased members to club social events (we've done this, but not consistently); work on eliminating breakdown of A/V equipment during meetings; Provide

more thorough information about events, times, food & beverage offerings and time commitment.

Just because the Assembly has passed doesn't mean the ideas should stop flowing. **I am still looking for ideas and input.** We will have 2 more assemblies this fiscal year, so keep the ideas coming. **If you have a special passion and want to undertake a project, let us know and we will see how we can make it happen.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Saturday, October 17th, 6 pm. Gift of Life Concert** at St. John the Evangelist. [www.keysfortheheart.org](http://www.keysfortheheart.org) or Sonny Grech 239-450-5184.

**Saturday, October 24th, 2-9 pm Riverfest, Riverside Park.** We're selling beer. See **Donna Flammang.**

## TODAY'S PROGRAM

Arden McCurdy, Ex. Director  
Speakers Assembly of SWFL

The purpose of The Speakers Assembly of Southwest Florida is to foster an informed membership by presenting:

- Some of the world's best thinkers
- Leaders with distinguished accomplishments
- An opportunity to discuss today's pressing issues.

There are eight programs planned for this season. The Speakers Assembly always welcomes new members and you can reach them at [SpeakersAssembly@aol.com](mailto:SpeakersAssembly@aol.com).



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## Last Week: A Spotlightsed Jim O'Leary drew the 2♠



**The 50/50 is \$1,518**

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?

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## Rotary Sings: *This Land is Your Land*

This land is your land,  
This land is my land  
From California to the New York Island,  
From the Redwood Forest  
To the Gulf Stream waters;  
This land was made for you and me.

As I was walking that ribbon of highway  
I saw above me that endless skyway;  
I saw below me that golden valley  
this land was made for you and me.

### *This Week*

**R. Arden McCurdy  
Speakers Assembly**

### *Birthdays*

**Juan Teodoro Oct 8  
Scott Anderson Oct 13**

### **This Morning's Invocation**

Good and Gracious God, at the outset of our time together, we pause to acknowledge with gratitude, not only the tangible things we call blessings and by which life is sustained, but also the intangible realities by which life is enriched. We are thankful for ideas to explore, dreams to realize, work to do, and service to give.

In this month designated as Vocational Service Month, we pray for help in using our vocations to serve others and not just ourselves. We do pray for others, the sick and sorrowing, the anxious and burdened. Grant health and comfort, patience and strength, peace and assurance to all who need these gifts.

For our own abundant blessings we give thanks, for food and friendship and for all opportunities open to us as Rotarians to make a difference for good. Amen.