

Wendy Arsenault presented the Vocational Moment. She is one of only 300 Veterinary Cardiologists in the U.S. She has been married to Mike for 18 years and they have two sons, 11 and 9.

After getting her bachelor's degree Wendy worked as an accountant before entering the eight year program to become a DVM. She spent 4 years at NCSU, one year at U. of IL, and 3 years at Texas A&M and was certified in 2003.

She started her SWFL career as a "mobile" cardiologist, driving to other Vet's offices to treat patients.



In 2007, she opened Southwest Florida Veterinary Specialists office on Old 41 Road. In 2010, she expanded the services to include 24/7 emergency care, and, in 2012, added Florida's only fully equipped pet ambulance, one of six in the country.



There are now three satellite offices and 9 veterinarians on the staff providing specialist services in cardiology, internal medicine, surgery, and interventional radiology/cardiology as well as 24 hour emergency and critical care. Wendy partners with vets who offer regular care to patients who then refer to Wendy's group for specialized treatment.



Wendy says, "I am grateful to have been able to do this professionally; and the being successful in practice has brought me into this group. I love

being a part of Rotary. It's so great to be in an organization where one person's efforts combined with the group can make a huge difference."

Also, she says, "I think Rotary is a little bit of therapy...to meet with like minded individuals who have a positive, upward outlook on life..I'm thankful to you all for that."

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President **Tom Briers** presided. Week 19. **Jim Horein** offered a personal invocation, "Everyday is a Treasure." **George Cohan** led the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Gary Murphy** graced us with the short and long forms of the Four Way Test.



Ron Anderson gathered up **Sue Masters**, **Jim Dati**, and **Gerry Myers** to help in singing *When You're Smiling*.

Tom announced the END POLIO NOW World's Greatest Meal is scheduled for **Monday, November 16, 6-9 pm at the Westin Resort, Cape Coral**. \$25 per person; hors d'oeuvres and one glass of wine or beer only. Cash bar available. (It is not a progressive dinner.)

Nancy Ross reported the Josh the Otter program has **received a district grant and our club has received a Water Advisory Thank You award**. Nancy then talked about a new initiative aimed at water safety when you are entertaining and there are children present. It is a Water Watcher badge, to designate a person responsible to ensure **that someone is paying attention to the kids**. See Nancy for one of the badges.

Sara McCallum pinned a Blue Badge on **Carrie Reynolds** as we welcomed our newest club member.



George Cohan, fresh from a speaking engagement on the East Coast, welcomed visitors and recognized **Bob Lombardo's** birthday. Instead of a serenade, Bob said, **"It would really make my day if everyone here went out and just did something nice for somebody else."**



Visiting Rotarian, **Peter Ferner** of Bavaria, Germany, gave us a demonstration of the traditional German Hunter's Bugle. Various "signals" are used to communicate among the hunters. Peter played and explained three of the signals in his presentation.

Doing what you Otter, Water Watcher! Water Watcher Pledge

★ While I am wearing this tag, I pledge to be the designated **Watcher of the Water**, I will...

- ★ Constantly watch the children who are in or near water and keep them within reach.
- ★ Avoid distractions such as drinking, talking on my cell phone, etc.
- ★ **Not rely** on flotation devices as a substitution for supervision.
- ★ **Always** have **life saving equipment** readily available around the pool.
- ★ Not leave without assigning a new Water Watcher.
- ★ Make sure all **gates are closed and locked** when the pool is not in use.
- ★ **Teach** children water safety and to always **stay away** from water unless they are **with an adult**.
- ★ Stress that the last person to leave the pool area **closes** the gates, doors, and covers the pool before leaving the area.
- ★ **Never leave children unattended**, even for a moment, around water.
- ★ Keep a **phone** near the pool when in use. Call 911 in case of an emergency.



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Water Watcher badge available from Nancy Ross



Steve McIntosh introduced two recipients of Rotary Scholarship awards. Both had been active leaders in the Interact Club at EHS. **Victoria Matthews** is now a junior at FGCU. She is a marketing major, is in the honors program, and is a peer educator on campus. **Danny Andrade** is a freshman at FGCU. His goal is to continue on to medical school after graduation.

LAST WEEK PROGRAM

Marjorie Rubacky introduced our speaker, **Jim Dati**, President of the club's Trustees of the Foundation. The Foundation was started in 1997 as a qualified 501 c(3) not-for-profit entity. Since 2006, the Board of Trustees has been separate from the club's directors.

The mission of the Foundation is to be a financial resource for community assistance and involvement with a focus on education and youth oriented programs and assistance to the needy and underprivileged. Help is

often provided to local, regional, and international victims of natural disasters.

The Foundation receives money from individuals, club activities, and investment income and uses them exclusively for charitable purposes. The annual budget is in the range of \$40-50,000 a year. About 55% of the grants are for local projects, 36% for international projects, and 9% for regional projects. There is about \$200,000 in the education endowment fund with the goal of making it self-sustaining.

Before making a grant, the trustees review the operation, references, and financial information from the requesters and try to ensure that the requesters have adequate manpower and resources to be able to use the grant effectively.

Jim says, "If you have an organization or cause or you see a need and it's personal to you and you are passionate about it, bring it to the trustees attention. We are looking for opportunities."

TODAY'S PROGRAM
Kathleen Possidomo,
Florida Legislature

Kathleen was first elected to Florida house in 2010. Her current term expires in 2016. She is running to represent SWFL in the state senate.

Wednesday, December 9th, 6 pm.
Club Christmas Party, at The Colony Bay Club. \$65/person.



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God bless America, land that I love.
Stand beside her and guide her
Through the night
With the light from above.
From the mountains
To the prairies

To the oceans, white with foam,
God bless America,
My home sweet home.
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This Week

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Birthdays

None

This Morning's Invocation

Lord of the Past and Present, as we experience Veterans Day this week, we acknowledge with gratitude and awe, the providential favor you have shown toward our country.

In solemn remembrance we salute with pride the military veterans who gave themselves in personal sacrifice, to win and to preserve the freedom represented in so many ways.

We pray for men and women now serving in armed forces. Surround them, we pray, with your protective providence. Help us all to be loyal citizens as we re-dedicate ourselves to the values and virtues which made our nation great.

Now bless, we pray, our club proceedings, our meal and our friendship. Keep us true to our historic purposes. Amen.