

The Revs Institute..a gem in our backyard

The Revs Institute is car museum in Naples rated #8 of 106 things to do in Naples by TripAdvisor.com. “The docent tours were sold out for the tenure of our vacation so we decided to visit the museum and do a 'self

tour. There are also docents available in every section with loads of information to share so just walking through will still be rewarding. The collection is fantastic. The museum is well-organized and user friendly.”

The founder Miles Collier was born into an American automotive dynasty. Both his father and uncle, Miles and Sam are credited with introducing sports car racing to the United States during the 1930's. An accomplished fine artist, investor and philanthropist, Mr. Collier also spent the better part of a decade racing in an E-Production Porsche Speedster as well as behind the wheel of other vintage automobiles.

In 1986, Mr. Collier acquired the Cun-

ningham Museum collection of longtime family friend Briggs Swift Cunningham, which included the first Ferrari racing car ever sold in the United States and one of six Bugatti Royales ever produced.

What is now known today as the Collier Collection began to take shape during the late 1980s and 1990s as Mr. Collier continued to grow his private collection of the finest, most



Teresa Stohs, a Revs Institute docent, at last Wednesday's meeting.

original examples of sports cars and ephemera.

The Rev's Institute was founded in 2009 as a reflection of that determination and to serve as a center of scholarly study. That same year, through the vision of Miles Collier the Institute began an affiliation with Stanford University known as The Revs Program which established a new trans-disciplinary field connecting the past, present and future of the automobile.

LAST MEETING

President **Tom Briers** presided. Week 33. **Kae Moore** presented the invocation; **George Cohan** led the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Wendy Arsenault** recited the Four Way Test flawlessly.

Ron Anderson led singing of *Let Me Call You Sweetheart*, then he solo'd an unpublished verse "which is appropriate for old fahts like myself":

*Let me call you sweetheart, I forgot your name
You can call me darling, if you've done the same
When you lose your memory, it is such a shame
Let me call you sweetheart, I forgot your name.*

Tom recognized **Susan Schmitt** explaining that she had been responsible for raising \$50,000 from a single donor for **Rotary Camp Florida**.

Kenney King is at the Life Care Center in Estero recovering from surgery and getting ready for a knee replacement in six weeks.

Please send any Joys and Concern to Tom prior to Wednesday's meeting. In addition, please let Tom know before the meeting of how many guests you will be bringing this Wednesday.

Tom Burgess introduced **Roberto Guido** who has returned to help provide leadership of the Rotaract Club. Roberto is a Senior Biology Major and has been a frequent attendee at our meetings.

President Tom managed a Rotary Flag exchange with visiting Rotarians **Joe** and **Bonnie Field** from the Fluvanna County, VA club. Bonnie is a Past President and Assistant Area Governor for District 7600.

There will be a Celebration of the Life of Past President **Harve Humphrey** on Sunday, **February 21st**, 2 to 4 pm at the Trianon Hotel. Please contact George Cohan if you plan to attend.



Adam Botana reminded us of **February Social**, Friday, **February 26**, 5:30pm at Florida Gulf Coast Vester Marine Field Station on Bonita Beach Rd. **Beer, wine and appetizers provided.** Park at Adam's Boat Club and a boat shuttle will take you to the station.



The **Lovers Key Boat Show and Nautical Flea Market** will be **March 18, 19, and 20**. **Mark Generales** reports that there is plenty of interest and he will need many helpers for collecting money, beer tent, and parking help.

Roger Brunswick announced that the Rotary Regular Day meeting will be **March 30th**. There will be an organization meeting after this Wednesday's regular meeting.

Susan Schmitt is asking for help at the "Walk for Water" on Saturday, **April 23rd**. The Walk is sponsored by the three local clubs.

VOCATIONAL SERVICE MOMENT

Faster than a Ferrari



Morgan Eldridge gave us his Vocational Service Moment and was the first Momenter to finish in under 3 minutes.

Eldridge Appraisals, Inc is a nation wide appraisal company located in Southwest Florida. Some of Morgan's vocational credentials, gleaned from reliable sources, are: Specialize in all types of automobiles, residential contents, commercial contents and large collections; Accredited Senior Appraiser, American Society of Appraisers, Washington D.C.; Executive Committee Member – American Society of Appraisers Automotive Specialty Group; Antique Automobile Club of

America Past & Present Judge.

Morgan's passion since youth has been cars. When he graduated from college and was thinking about a profession, his father took him to a meeting of appraisers in Los Angeles. There, Morgan met car appraisers whose writings he had followed. So now he is "pretty happy" to be doing car appraisal for a living. He recently wrote an article appraising 50 cars for Sports Car Market magazine.

He is married and has a 5 year old son. Morgan has been a member of the club since August, 2013 and says, "I'm glad to be a part of the club."

THIS WEEK PROGRAM

Water and Florida

Generales, Flood, Barber, Colecchio

The South Florida Water Management District spent four days, starting January 27th, pulling water off farm fields south of the Lake Okeechobee. Excess nutrients from the landscape contribute to the duration and frequency of harmful algal blooms, like red tide.

Record rains have not made the situation better as the lake level is rising at the same time the state was back-pumping farm water into Okeechobee. The only way to quickly drain the lake is to send billions of gallons of dirty water down the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie rivers.



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Treasurer	Bob Lombardo
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Visitor Bonnie Field drew the 5♠ to win \$5



The 50/50 is \$500

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
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Rotary Sings: America, The Beautiful

O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain.

America! America!
God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea.

This Week

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Birthdays

Bobbi Bird Feb 14
George Cohan Feb 15
Sue Masters Feb 22
Frank Liles Feb 22

This Morning's Invocation

O God, we pray not only for ourselves today, but for all who are in need of Your gracious attention. Comfort the sorrowing, give relief to the anxious, strength to the weary, and direction to the wandering. Give moral strength and courage to young people faced with alluring temptations. Grant wisdom to their counselors and parents in order that the youth of our communities might have a deeply-entrenched inner strength, from which comes good character and esteem. Make effective the efforts of Rotarians around the world who work with youth. Bless our own efforts in the service of others, and bless for our use the food and fellowship we enjoy. Use us as willing instruments of Your will. Amen.