

March 23, 2016

"You may be the First Responder, if, and when, an event occurs."

**Peter O'Flinn** introduced, "My Friend, Sheriff **Mike Scott.**" Mike is just the 12th person to hold this position since 1887.

Mike noted that this is the busiest time of year for the department with all the events going on. He mentioned Spring Training with a Yankees/Red Sox game, the Lee County Fair with 28,000 people on the first day, and, of course, the Spring Break.

He says, "Spring Break at Fort Myers Beach; Young people come down on vacation and go home on probation."

Mike explained that his organization tries to predict what's going to happen next, but the reality is they cannot prevent everything. The department has to deal with all kinds of events from parking lot fender-benders to the Dr. Sievers case which was an 8 month intensive investigation.

The LCSO has 1,600 employees responding to calls and providing for 1,700 jail inmates. From January 1 through March 16 there have been 127,000 call for service where "we've gone out to do something."

Lee County covers 1,000 square miles from

Boca Grande to Bonita Springs. The LCSO includes aviation and marine units and has a presence in every middle and high school in Lee County.



Mike says, "I'm a proud Rotarian, without my pin". (He failed to own up to this during George's fining session.)

He says the two biggest challenges facing law enforcement are:

1. Drugs. As long as there is a demand, there will be a supply. Much of our crime is directly or indirectly related to the drug trade.

2. Lone Shooters. These are almost impossible to predict or prevent. We have to be realistic that where ever folks gather there

might be peril as well.

Rex Sims stood up to praise the improvement in the LCSO since he came to Bonita 35 years ago. Then the deputies had "Stetson hats, mirrored sun glasses, pearl handled sixgun, and a spit cup. Typical southern sheriffs, just like in the movies. Its been transformed into a very slick, very professional organization now."

## LAST MEETING

President **Tom Briers** presided. Week 38. **Mark Generales** presented the invocation; **George Cohan** led the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Tom Burgess** recited the Four Way Test flawlessly.

Song leader **Ron O'Anderson** mustered the Irish and near-Irish to the front to help in signing *When Irish Eyes Are Smiling*.



We have enough events scheduled for April to satisfy the withdrawal symptoms of most tax accountants.

Saturday, April 16th, **District Assembly**. Port Charlotte, 7:30 am to 12:30 pm.

Friday, April 22nd, **Three Club Social**. Artichoke & Co, 5:30-8 pm. \$20/pp.

Saturday, April 23rd, **Walk for Water**. 8:00 am to 10:00 am. We need volunteers and sponsors. Contact **Susan Schmitt**.

Saturday, April 23rd, **Installation Banquet**, Bonita Bay Club 6:00 pm. \$70/pp. Contact **Stephanie** at [skissinger714@gmail.com](mailto:skissinger714@gmail.com) or 239-220-8600. Pay on-line or check.

Saturday, April 30th, **Reverse Raffle**, St John the Evangelist Church 6:00 pm. Be sure to attend **George's Last Stand**. Dinner, drinks, dancing, music, and a chance at \$15,000.

Our social arbiter, George Cohan, hailed **Donna Flammang** who managed to attend the meeting even though she had a cast on her leg and was in a wheel chair.

**Jim O'Leary** reported that Past President **Steve Kaskie** has had significant surgery for cancer. He has lost about 100 pounds, but is on the mend now.

George recognized guest **Tiffany Wood**, Public Information Officer for the LCSO. Tiffany explained that she does all the social media communications for the department. George asked, "**How does he get his head so shiny?**"



An ice-out for Lake Winnepesaukee was declared Friday morning, signaling the earliest unofficial start of spring in the history of the New Hampshire region.

Dave Emerson, the owner and president of Emerson Aviation in Gilford, N.H., announced at 11:30 a.m. that all the ice had thawed on the state's largest lake.

"[An ice-out] means the rise of spring for the Lakes Region here in New Hampshire," said Emerson, who is also a pilot. "It's kind of a big deal for us around here."

In order for an ice-out to be officially declared, the Mount Washington motorship must be able to navigate successfully in- to all of the lake's six ports, Emerson said.

The prior record for earliest ice-out on Lake Winnepesaukee was set on March 23, 2012.

"This was the first time we've been able to

call it in the winter season," Emerson said. Lake Sunapee, the fifth largest lake in the state, also declared an ice-out on Friday.

This Week's Speaker  
Derek Vest  
Founder, CEO CellMark Biopharma

CellMark Biopharma was founded by **Derek Vest**, whose background is in the pharmaceuticals industry, particularly in non-prescription designer drugs, as well as in health and nutrition. The company aims to help cancer patients keep their bodies as strong as possible as they endure chemotherapy.

"This is to give the patient everything they need nutritionally to fuel their fight against cancer," Vest said. Twenty to 40 percent of cancer patients die of malnutrition, according to Vest, citing various studies.



This month's faithful greeters, **David Adamson** and **Carl Nickel**, show up early to greet the "before 7 am" group.



**Rotary Club of Bonita Springs**, chartered November 3, 1978. The Club may be contacted through its mailing address P.O. Box 474, Bonita Springs Florida 34133. You can reach **The Spoke** through its email [BonitaSpoke@aol.com](mailto:BonitaSpoke@aol.com). **Scott Gerrish** issue editor.

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# Mark Generales

drew the 6♠ to win \$5



**The 50/50 is \$537**

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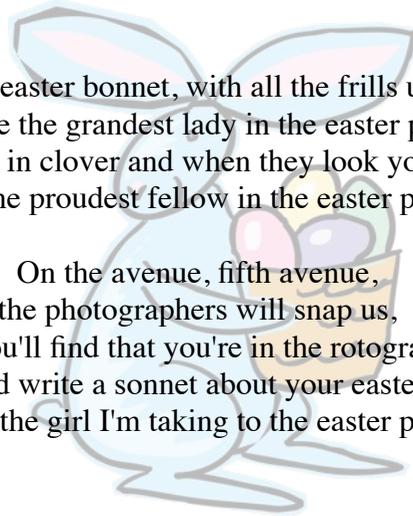


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## Rotary Sings: Easter Parade

In your easter bonnet, with all the frills upon it,  
You'll be the grandest lady in the easter parade.  
I'll be all in clover and when they look you over,  
I'll be the proudest fellow in the easter parade.

On the avenue, fifth avenue,  
the photographers will snap us,  
And you'll find that you're in the rotogravure.  
Oh, I could write a sonnet about your easter bonnet,  
And of the girl I'm taking to the easter parade.



*This Week*  
**Derek Vest,**  
**CEO, Founder**  
**Cell Mark Biopharma**

## *Birthdays*

**Sara McCallum Mar 24**  
**Steve Slachta Mar 29**

## **This Morning's Invocation**

Sovereign God, having come to these tables to add yet another experience of Rotary fellowship to the adventure of life, we give thanks for the opportunity to be adventurers in our respective fields of endeavor.

Give us the courage and will to employ the Four-Way Test in decision-making and in relationships.

Help us to know the difference between selfish exploitation of human and physical resources, and the exploration of ways to be good stewards of all things.

We thank you for food to sustain us, fellowship to enrich us, and ideas to inspire us. Be present with us a silent guest at our tables, and give us your blessings. Amen.