

The Spoke

October 26, 2016



Rotary Minute



Sandy Hemstead presented the Rotary Minute. This time she talked about Rotary pins. "In Rotary we have a bazillion pins, maybe 2 bazillion." She passed around her own collection including the RI "Service Above Self" award that she earned.

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Last Week ... 16

President **Steven Slachta** dinged to start the meeting. **Clara Anne Graham** presented the invocation; **Roger Brunswick** led the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Nancy Ross** recited the Four Way Test flawlessly.

Song Leader **Wayne Hemstead** gave us some background and then led singing of *When You're Smiling* with good participation from the crowd.

Bobbi Bird presented Steven with a special Rotary pin for veterans that she got at the Zone Institute in Charlotte. She reported meeting **Ian H.S. Riseley** Rotary International President-elect 2016-17, "An absolutely warm, wonderful gentleman."

Sandy Hemstead revealed that she will be doing the Rotary eProgram for the Rotary Club of Bangladesh. This is a club we have cooperated with on Global Grants. She will be talking about The Rotary Foundation.

Nancy Ross rose to introduce Blake and Kathy Hollingsworth who are the founders of the *Josh the Otter* program.

Naples Gulf Shore Sunset Rotary is sponsoring the **Rotary Hallowine Walk** Thursday, October 27th, 6-9 PM at Mercato. It is about strolling through Mercato with a group of friends on Thursday Evening, October 27th, from 6 to 9 p.m. (with or without a Halloween costume) and getting a glass of wine and a bite to eat at over 10 different venues.



Brian Olitsky came forward to pitch the November 19th 5k race which will benefit **End Polio Now.** He will need a number of course marshals to ensure runners' safety. Anyone helping will get a logo T-shirt which he is contributing.

Former member **Julie Pedretti** who defected to the Naples club came to pitch her club's "one big annual event" The Naples Food & Wine Festival on Fifth Avenue South on November 19th. Tickets are \$75 - \$100 depending. Website <u>napleswine.org</u>.

Bob Lombardo reminded us of the club's annual Christmas Party Wednesday, December 14th at the Colony Bay Club.



Sara McCallum presented Paul Harris recognition pins to **Juan Teodoro**, PH +2, and **John Warfield**, PH+5. John got a hug from Sara, Juan got a pin.

Wendy Arsenault wants to have all Poinsettia orders by November 9th. She also will need helpers the day after Thanksgiving for receiving the flowers and some delivering.

Roger Brunswick was Sergeant-at-Arms. He expounded on not talking when the President and presenters were speaking. He then fined himself \$1 because he was scooting. [n.b. The club Fine Menu shows scooting to be a \$3 fine.]



Roger organized a quality rendition of Happy Birthday for **John Flammang.**



Last Week Program



Donna Marcotte introduced our speaker **Sara Ryan**. Sara and her husband operate Athena's Armory, a Fort Myers small business that provides gear and guidance for everyday personal defense. They have two businesses to meet that goal, an online store and a firearms instruction service.

At AthenasArmory.com/Shop, customers can buy many styles of holsters, handmade leather concealed carry purses, stylish range gear and accessories, cleaning supplies, and even bullet jewelry.

At AthenasArmory.com/Train, students can find an Athena's Armory Defensive Training class to help them reach a training goal, such as learning to shoot, getting a concealed carry permit, or training on the finer points of defensive handgun tactics. Sara says you can improve your personal protection inside the home by using the alarm system, beefing up door hardware, installing locking pins on sliders, and improving lighting around the house.

She says you must have a prepared, rehearsed plan in case of intruders. Retrieve your weapon, gun, or pepper spray, or golf club and have a hunker down location.

Outside the home, she emphasizes situational awareness and reducing exposure. For instance, at gas stations she recommends taking one credit card, leave wallet or purse in the car and lock the car while fueling.

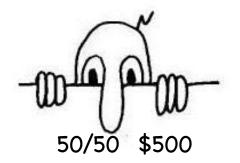
She suggests a self home inspection to identify vulnerabilities. "Your safety is your responsibility."

Sara would consider conducting a once-a-month Rotary Club firearms training session if there is enough interest.



This Week

Lorna Kibbey This Changing World – Tips for Surviving in the "New World"



51 Cards

Clara Anne Graham drew the 7 \$ for \$5



The 50/50 is \$500

Birthdays

Clara Anne Graham Oct 26

Rotary Sings: When the Saints Go Marching In

Oh, when the saints go marching in, Oh, when the saints go marching in, Yes, I want to be in that number, When the saints go marching in.

And when the sun begins to shine, And when the sun begins to shine, Yes, I want to be in that number, When the sun begins to shine.

Oh, when we meet at Rotary, Oh, when we meet at Rotary, Yes, I want to be in that number, When we meet at Rotary. **This Morning's Invocation**

As we come to the end of the month called Economic and Community Development Month being observed throughout the Rotary world, we are grateful for opportunities in the context of Rotary, to use our individual vocations to advance the cause of truth, fairness, and beneficence and to build better relationships in clubs, communities and countries.

For this we request Your guidance and empowerment, as we commit ourselves to serving others, with glory given to You.

Thank you for the food prepared for us and for the fellowship which binds us together in doing Your will in the world. Amen.

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