



The Spoke

December 7th, 2016



New Members



Steven introduced **Eileen** and **Giancarlo Tasso** as “Mr. and Mrs. **GT**” as they were inducted as new members of the club. Eileen’s classification is Registered Nurse, Giancarlo’s is Electrical Engineer. **Marjorie Rubacky** sponsored both new members.

Last Week Meeting..22

President **Steven** “Oops, I left The Spokes in the car” **Slachta** belled the meeting to order. **John Flammang** presented the invocation; **Roger Brunswick** led the Pledge of Allegiance; and **John Mathes** recited the Four Way Test flawlessly.

Song Leader **Wayne Hemstead** told us the history and then led the singing of *Are You Sleeping?*. It is the story of the bell ringing friar who slept through his appointed duties.

Steven asked for volunteers for **Holidays without Hunger**, Friday December 23rd 7-9 pm at the Harborside Event Center. The invitation:

“Join your friends, family or co-workers to tackle a serious problem while having some serious fun! Join over 2000 volunteers this Christmas Eve and pack half a million meals for our neighbors in need.

“Enjoy festive and contemporary music and take a chance at a raffle for prize giveaways! Bond with your friends and neighbors while helping your community in a festive environment.”

“Give the gift of HOPE this holiday season and make it a holiday season without hunger!”

The **annual club Christmas Party** will be December 14th, 6 pm at the Colony Bay Club. \$65/pp. Please **pay on-line at the club web site**. Contact Tom Briers for more information.

Wendy Arsenault, Poinsettia chair, has ordered 250 more plants for sale at the tent.

Dave Langendorfer (rr) held up a bottle of commemorative wine being sold a fund raiser for The Rotary Foundation in his home district. Dave brought a case from home and is selling the wine for \$40/bottle with the proceeds to the Foundation.

Len Eckert reminded us of **Holiday in the Park** & Annual Tree Lighting, Tuesday, December 6th, 4:30 to 8:30 pm. A chance to see some snow for any Snowbirds that miss it. **Sweet Odins Bakery** is donating 6,000 cookies for the event.

Sara McCallum says she still needs some cookie bakers and 8 volunteers for **Santa in the Sand**, our joint event with the Friends of Lovers' Key on December 19th.

Bob Lombardo is pushing "**Bricks in the Park**", commemorative bricks with veterans names in the walkway at Riverside Park. The bricks are \$80, \$40 of which goes to local needy veterans.



Wayne Hemstead presented Rotary Armed Services Veteran pins to **Kenny King** and **Bob Gillette**.

Sandy Hemstead rose to present “**The Rotary Minute**”. She reviewed a recent award to the Rotary Foundation by the Association for Fundraising Professionals. The award honors organizations that show philanthropic commitment and leadership through financial support, innovation, encouragement of others, and involvement in public affairs. Some of the boldest names in American giving — Kellogg, Komen, and MacArthur, among others — are past honorees.

“While almost everyone is familiar with Rotary, not everyone may realize just how **much of an**

impact Rotary and The Rotary Foundation have had on countless people and communities across the globe,” says Jason Lee, AFP president and CEO. “On behalf of the entire charitable sector and people around the world, all of us at AFP are honored to be able to recognize The Rotary Foundation as our **2016 Outstanding Foundation.**”

AFP’s committee of judges cited Rotary’s comprehensive campaign to eradicate polio as a major driver of the selection. They also mentioned that Rotary applies a methodical, purposeful approach to support a wide variety of causes, from providing clean water to educating the next generation of peace professionals.

Sergeant-at-arms, **Roger Brunswick**, gave us a “Good morning, fellow Rotarians. Who was late?” He reveled in the Ohio State win over Michigan, introduced visitors, and organized birthday celebrations for **Carl Bals** and **Brad Piotrowski**.

Roger mentioned that he had seen a film trailer of and upcoming PBS documentary about current day military service. **Bob Gillette is an Executive Producer** of the film. The trailer can be viewed at: www.enlistedfilm.com, click on Film Trailer.

This project will be a 2-hour PBS broadcast and a 90-minute theatrical version for festival submission and wide distribution. After production is complete, the film will be screened at community

leader/media premieres in the Detroit area and Florida, both of which will benefit local veteran organizations.

Club Assembly

Steven kicked off the Club Assembly with “I need your direction, your leadership, and to know about some of the things we are doing and not doing.”

Marjorie Rubacky acted as discussion leader. She said, “In our never ending quest to keep our programs interesting and exciting we have introduced to new programs, The Rotary Minute and the Two Part Program”.

The Rotary Minute has been incorporated into each meeting rather than having a full meeting presentation once per month. The consensus was the that program has been well received, generally was praised, and should be continued.

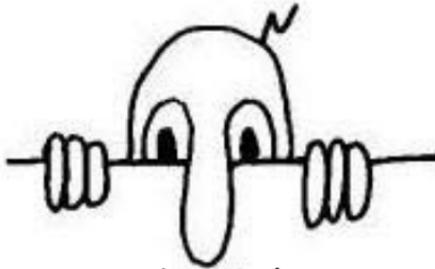
The **Two Part Program** was an attempt to present a serious topic and give it two weeks of attention perhaps with “for” and “against” speaker. The consensus was to encourage the effort.

Tom Briers, originator of the Vocational Service Moment. Almost all opined in favor of continuing the program. (President Steven noted that some folks were reluctant to give their own moments, however.)



This Week

***Gary Goforth, MD
CART Project
(Coins for Alzheimer's
Research Trust)***



50/50 \$796

46 Cards

**Eileen Tasso drew the 4♥
for \$5**



The 50/50 is \$796

Birthdays

**Bob Andreasen (rr) Dec 7
John Mathes Dec 10
Sandy Hemstead Dec 11**

Rotary Sings: Oh Christmas Tree

O Christmas Tree! O Christmas Tree!

Thy leaves are so unchanging;

O Christmas Tree! O Christmas Tree!

Thy leaves are so unchanging;

Not only green when summer's here,

But also when 'tis cold and drear.

O Christmas Tree! O Christmas Tree!

Thy leaves are so unchanging!

O Christmas Tree! O Christmas Tree!

Much pleasure thou can'st give me;

O Christmas Tree! O Christmas Tree!

Much pleasure thou can'st give me;

We'll sell you to make money for

Our club to do good deeds and more

O Christmas Tree! O Christmas Tree!

Much pleasure thou can'st give me.

This Morning's Invocation

Dear God, as we pursue our commitments as Rotarians, help us not to be satisfied with mediocrity in what we do, nor with shallowness in what we are.

In our culture where superficiality abounds, we pray for the will to demonstrate strong commitment to the rock solid values and virtues we espouse and embrace as persons and as a Club.

Let our example to others be clear and compelling.

We offer thanks for food prepared for our use, and for those who serve us.

Let our table conversations be uplifting, and our concern for others genuine.

May the time we spend here today be productive for the purposes to which we subscribe. Thank you for all the favors from Your Hand. Amen.

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