



The Spoke



May 24th, 2017

Last Week Program



Angela Melvin, founder and CEO of Valerie's House, told us about the origin and wonderful progress she has made with the organization.

Valerie's House is modeled after the nationally-recognized and acclaimed Dougy Center for Grieving Children & Families. Pro-

grams at Valerie's House include open-ended peer support groups and activities to help children to heal after a significant loss in their life.



Valerie's House is not a formal counseling center, it is a community and a platform for individuals to come together, and share and mentor one another through grief. There is nothing of this kind in Southwest Florida for children on an ongoing basis.

Valerie's House support programs are designed to give children ages 4- 19 years old and their families a safe place to share, grieve, and grow.

The effort is to lovingly assist children and their caregivers on their journeys towards mending broken hearts.

Last Week Meeting...46

Next President **Jon McLeod** captained the meeting. **Sandy Hemstead** offered the invocation; **Roger Brunswick** led the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Vince Modarelli** gave us a stirring rendition of the Four Way Test.

Song Leader **Wayne Hemstead** led in singing Oklahoma which he pointed out was Rodgers and Hammerstein's first collaboration. The musical went on to have 2,000 performances.

Blue Badges



Marjorie Rubacky, sponsor, presented the Blue Badges of membership to the husband and wife team of **GT** and **Eileen Tasso**. His classification is Electrical Engineer, hers Registered Nurse.

Help Wanted

Marjorie Rubacky still needs several more volunteers to be **monthly speaker chairs**. This is an important and rewarding task. Please text, call, or email Marjorie if you can help out.

The Reverse Raffle

Adam Botana rose to announce that 225 had attended the Reverse Raffle, all the tickets were sold thanks to some last minute heroics, and six lucky people had split the \$15,000 prize.



Adam thanked his Raffle night staff including **Bobbi Bird, Claudie, Wendy Arsenault, Jim Renfro, Bill Banfield, and Joe Murgalo.**

An Award



Wayne Hemstead presented a club check for \$500 to Rotaractor **Kelechi Ibezim**. The donation will help fund her summer language study in Costa Rica. Kelechi was born in the U.S., was raised in Africa, and, after graduation, wants to promote easy access to affordable health care around the world.

Kelechi told us that she had raised about \$5,000 to self fund her summer study. She says, **“Please know that you have inspired a young girl to match your goals of making the world a better place.”**

Involving graduating Rotaractors

Jon reported that he had appointed Jim Renfro, Jim Horein, and Wayne Hemstead to study ways to help **bridge the gap** between graduating from FGCU Rotaract and becoming Rotarians.

Ideas

Jon said, “The survey shows that no one likes to lug Christmas trees. The problem becomes, how to replace \$15,000 of revenue.” Jon is looking for ideas.



 **SPIRITS OF AMERICA BOOZE WAGON**
or Barrel of Wine

Drawing to be held on July 4th at the Firecracker Festival

TICKETS \$5.00 EACH OR 5 FOR \$20.00

DRAWING TO BENEFIT THE ENGLEWOOD 4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS FUND

Lemon Bay Sunrise Rotary

Must be 21 or older to participate
Need not be present to win

He reported on the raffle benefit run by the Lemon Bay Sunrise Rotary.

Roger Brunswick Time

Since Happy\$ will be coming when Jon is in charge, Roger allowed **Rex Sims** a practice round. Rex says, "Heaven Scent Flowers completed its 32nd annual Mother's Day. We got it right."

Roger reported that **Frank Liles** received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Mayor for his 6 years of service on the City's Zoning Board. Thank you for all you do for the people of Bonita Springs.

La Prueba Cuádruple.

De lo que se piensa, se dice o se hace:

1° ¿Es la verdad?

2° ¿Es equitativo para todos los interesados?

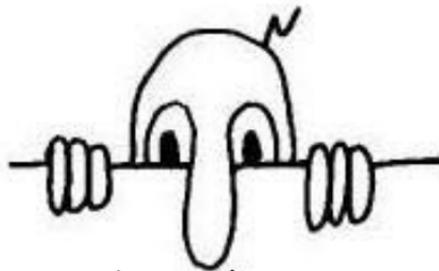
3° ¿Crearé buena voluntad y mejores amistades?

4° ¿Será beneficioso para todos los interesados?

Upcoming Events

June 10-14 Rotary International Convention in
Atlanta, Georgia.

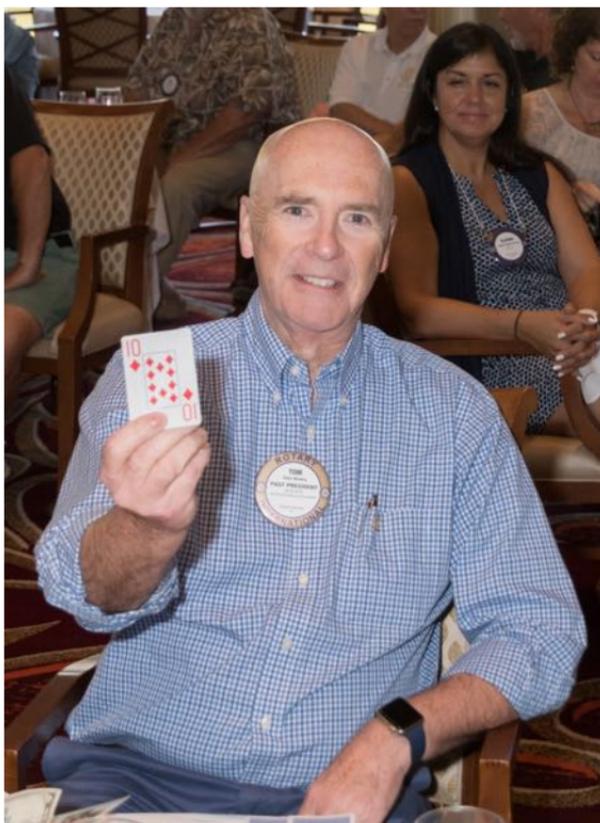
**This Week
Missy Saracino
Naples Equestrian
Challenge**



50/50 \$2,375±

172~~3~~ Cards Left

**Tom Briers drew the
10♦ for \$5**



The 50/50 is \$2,375±

Birthdays

None

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 Morning's Invocation

Dear God, Lord of Life and Source of Truth, during this month in which young people experience graduation, we offer our prayers in their behalf. May their commencement be to new levels of moral and ethical maturity and to increased social responsibility. Help them to appreciate their heritage in family and nation, and the price of preserving it.

Help us by word and example to encourage our young people as they make transitions in life.

Bless now our food and fellowship and all aspects of club life and service. May all we do and say be in accord with Your will for us.

In the name of Him who promised to be with and to bless those who serve. Amen.

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