

The Spoke



October 4th, 2017

Don Manley and his trash moving machine



Don Manley is the point man at the recovery scene. The headquarters is at Dean and Imperial. There are 400-500 homes in the area that have been damaged. The effort now is to get these homes ready for rebuilding and to eliminate any mold from growing.

Volunteers are organized into groups of six. It takes about a day to get a house gutted, everything brought to the curb, sorted and ready for FEMA pickup. The house is left broom clean and disinfected.

Don says, "The reward comes when you see a homeowner working side by side with you to clean out the home and then at the end of day the homeowners feel comfortable enough that they can actually go back and start rebuilding their lives."



The are **two shifts daily**, 8 am to noon, and noon to 4 pm. There are jobs for everyone, even those who can't do heavy lifting. Don likes to get groups from churches and other organizations where maybe 50 people can do 5 homes in a day.

Last Week...13

President **Jon McLeod** was at the helm. **Stephanie Kissinger** presented the invocation; **Roger Brunswick** led the Pledge of Allegiance; and new member **Wendy Spivy** almost got the Four Way Test right.

Jim Dati, Esq., "Go Cubs", led a rousing version of *Take Me Out to the Ball Game*. President Jon is still looking for a song leader who has not charged any flights to the club.

Wayne Hemstead called Len Eckert and his daughter, Rotaract President, Kristen Duguay. Kristen received an honorary Paul Harris recognition, "For all that you have done last semester as Rotaract President and for what you are going to do this semester."



Here's Kristen as she showed up Saturday morning to work on the disaster aid.

DG **Bobbi Bird** came forward to formally induct **Wendy Spivy** as a club member. Her sponsor is **Sue Masters**.



Her classification is Company Marketing and Client / Staff Relations. Bobbi gave her a district "hero pin" as part of the welcoming package. Wendy is already involved in the club, taking a turn at the front desk.

Roger Brunswick, "Good morning fellow Rotarians" did some desultory non-fining and got on with Happy\$ and announce-ments.

Jay Berube has set up a very useful web site, <u>www.ro-tarystrong.org</u>. The site has links to the SWFL Rotary Hurricane Irma Relief Fund, the volunteer schedule, the supplies wishlist, donation of necessities and furniture instructions, and information plus photos of the scene and workers. The photos give a very good view of the area and before and after pictures of the cleanup.

Jim Renfro reported that he and **Jim Dati** were working at Renfro's doing cleanup last Saturday. Then came a truck and nearly 30 volunteers who got his yard and shop cleaned up before sunset, a task that Jim said would have taken him months. The bottom floor of Renfro's studio was flooded and he's now in the process of dealing with the insurance adjuster.

Roger Brunswick announced that **Dictionary Labelling Day** will be **Saturday, October 7th**; Distribution Day will be Friday, October 27th.

Wendy Arsenault told us that this year's **Poinsettia Sale** has been cancelled. Our supplier had his crop destroyed by Irma.

Scott Anderson reminded us of the upcoming Christmas Tree Sale season. This will be Scott's last year as chairman. **Ike Lichtenstein** has volunteered to take over.



Jon again explained the upcoming "Booze Boat" raffle. This will be modeled after the Lemon Bay Rotary's event. Each club member will be asked to contribute a high quality bottle of wine or spirits. He promises this is "an easy, low key, low effort sale. A very good fund raiser."



Under the leadership of PDG Pete Doragh, our district has established a **Donor Advised Fund** with The Rotary Foundation that will be used for club projects to help our communities. This will be important with what will likely be a long term recovery effort. Please consider reaching out to your out of state Rotary contacts, snowbirds, friends and others who may be interested in donating to Irma Relief.

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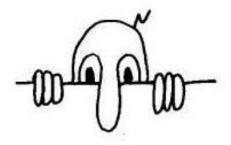


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This Week Nicole Perrino, Director of Parks & Recreation, City of Bonita Springs



50/50 \$578 40 Cards Left Including 2 Aces, Joker

Visitor Craig Stephens drew the A+for \$100



The 50/50 is \$578

Birthdays

None

Rotary Sings: This Land is Your Land

This land is your land,
This land is my land
From California to the New York Island,
From the Redwood Forest
To the Gulf Stream waters;
This land was made for you and me.

As I was walking that ribbon of highway I saw above me that endless skyway; I saw below me that golden valley This land was made for you and me.

This Morning's Invocation

Good and Gracious God, at the outset of our time together, we pause to acknowledge with gratitude, not only the tangible things we call blessings and by which life is sustained, but also the intangible realities by which life is enriched.

We are thankful for ideas to explore, dreams to realize, work to do, and service to give.

In this month designated as Economic and Community Development Month, we pray for help in using our vocations to serve others and not just ourselves. We do pray for others, the sick and sorrowing, the anxious and burdened. Grant health and comfort, patience and strength, peace and assurance to all who need these gifts.

For our own abundant blessings we give thanks, for food and friendship and for all opportunities open to us as Rotarians to make a difference for good. Amen.

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