



# The Spoke



November 1st, 2017

## **This Week Program.. Debate: Lee Voter Freedom**

A grassroots effort to **change the way Lee County voters elect county commissioners** has begun, with an eye toward a referendum vote next year.

Lee Voter Freedom, a newly organized group, **wants to make county commission election nonpartisan, with no party primaries.**

The state's closed primary system means party political primaries are open only to registered candidates of a political party **if** voters have some other choice in November. A write-in candidate is considered a choice.

The campaign is in response to the 2016 election for District 3 commissioner, in which the emergence of a write-in candidate **closed** the Republican primary to Democratic and unaffiliated voters.

# The Debaters



**Ray Judah** served as Lee County Commissioner for 24 years, 1988-2012. He remains a strong advocate for providing a balance between management of growth and responsible stewardship of our precious natural resources.



**Peter Bergerson** Professor of Political Science and Public Administration at FGCU. He joined FGCU in 2002 to build the Political Science and Public Administration programs, after thirty-four years in teaching and administration at Southeast Missouri State University.

## **Last Week Meeting...**

President **Jon McLeod** dinged the meeting to order. **Steve McIntosh** led us in a minute of silent prayer; **Roger Brunswick** led the Pledge of Allegiance; and the late arriving **Ike Lichtenstein** almost recited the Four Way Test.

Song Leader Emeritus **Ron Anderson** led the singing of *When the Saints Go Marching In*.

Jon lauded **Teri Lamaine** and **Dale Timple** who were honored as Bonita Springs Citizens of the Year by the Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce. He then asked that all of the previous Citizens of the Year stand with Dale for a round of applause saying, “this shows what a phenomenal group of people we are associated with.”



Past Presidents **Steven Slachta** and Stephanie Kissiner “Meet and Greet” at last week’s meeting.

Jon reported that the club members had done 1,750 hours of **work on the Irma cleanup**. In addition, including the non-member volunteers, the club performed 4,500-5,000 hours of work. This saved upwards of \$250,000 for the affected neighborhood, a “phenomenal, phenomenal effort. **Hats off to all of you.**”

### **Roger Brunswick Time**



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**Sara McCallum** offered a Happy\$. There was \$52 in the CART Blue Buckets the previous week. Keep that change and bills coming!

**Adam Botana** thanked **Joe Murgalo**, **Vince Modarelli**, and **Gary Price** for their help at the Habitat for Humanity wall raising of the house sponsored by Adam and his family.

**Andy Frech**(rr) donated a Happy\$ for having gotten a hug from Past President **Stephanie Kissinger**.

**Sandy Hemstead** reported her Miami daughter had completed a Half Iron(wo)man event in Miami.

**Jim Renfro** told us about the \$1,100 bill from the water company caused by a broken pipe to his studio. He was very appreciative when the company adjusted the amount owed to \$55.

Roger fined **Ike Lichtenstein**, “Ike emailed and requested the spotlight, then came late and butchered the Four Way Test.”

Roger orchestrated a shout-out birthday celebration for **Clara Anne Graham** and **John Flammang** with a “Go Hokies” at the end.

**Don Manley** reported on his continuing efforts to **raise money for Irma Relief**. He reported receipts of \$10,500 of a \$15,000 goal from the **Mari- on, Ohio Rotary Club**.

### **Last Week Program**



Past President **Steven Slachta** introduced our speaker **Lora Taylor** Director of Communications for the City of Bonita Springs. Lora has worked for the City for 10 years. Prior to her time with the city, she worked for the National Basketball Association.

She received her Bachelors in Communications from Florida Gulf Coast University, is a proud Leadership Bonita graduate, and a member of the Southwest Florida Public Relations Association.

Lora and her team work closely with four of the city's volunteer committees, the Veterans Advisory Committee, Special Event Committee, Technology Advisory Committee and Outreach Committee.

The City maintains a well developed website at: [www.cityofbonitasprings.org](http://www.cityofbonitasprings.org). In addition, it has a presence on social media, facebook and Twitter, and sends "Blast eMails" to 50,000 or more addressees.

During IRMA, Lora served as the Public Information Officer for the South Geographical Emergency Operations Center for the city and the Bonita Springs Fire Control and Rescue District.

Lora described the City's **outreach during Hurricane Irma.**

"We utilized facebook live to record and share the press conference on Thursday, September 8th with Mayor Simmons and Chief Daigle. We also aired a clip on channel 98. The media was invited.

"Directly after the storm hit, we also did live broadcasts on facebook. We heard that residents did not have access to internet or cable, but many were able to use their cellphone service to access social media.

“We did a total of 4 live updates. Three with the Mayor, one with Chief Daigle and one with Congressman Rooney, the Undersheriff, the Fire Chief and Mayor.

“We assisted Mayor Simmons with coordinating national and local interviews. The requests came in on Friday prior to the storm and continued for the duration...”



From: *The Spoke* archives:

10 Years ago

President **Fred Partin** of our club along with **John** [sic] **McLeod**, President of Bonita Springs Noon Club and **Joe Pavich**, President of the Estero Club conducted the meeting. The invocation was delivered by **Hank Hochstetler**. **Steve Krchniak** led the Chanter Ensemble, and the entire assembly in singing a rousing *Vive Le Rotary*.

A combined group of Rotarians from our club, the Bonita Springs Noon Club and the Estero Club were entertained and informed by the Group Study Exchange from Brittany, France. Claude Theard, their leader, told us how Brittany, which according to him is on the French, not English Channel, has a Celtic origin.

5 Years ago

President **Stephanie** presided. **Martha Erickson** delivered the invocation.

**Adam Botana** led the Pledge of Allegiance and **Chris Riesen** the 4 Way Test. **Ron Anderson** conducted a rousing rendition of *The Whole World in His Hands*



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## Upcoming Programs

Nov 8th. **Chris Patricca**, Lee County Board of Education.

Nov 15th. **Teri Lamaine**. Executive Director Bonita Springs Assistance Office.

Nov 22nd. **Paul Gavin**, Esq. You are in charge, You decide.

Nov 29th. **Jon McLeod**. Club Assembly.



50/50 \$825±

30 Cards Left

Including 2 Aces, Joker

**Mark McCaw drew  
the 8 ♣ for \$5**



**The 50/50 is \$825±**

***Birthdays***

**Susan Schmitt Nov 3  
Dave Shellenbarger Nov 3**

**Rotary Sings:  
When You're Smiling**

When you're smilin', when you're smilin'  
The whole world smiles with you

When you're laughin', when you're laughin'  
The sun comes shinin' through

But when you're cryin', you bring on the rain  
So stop your sighin', be happy again

Keep on smilin', 'cause when you're smilin'  
The whole world smiles with you

## **This Morning's Invocation**

Good and Gracious God, we pray for Your presence and benevolent power to be felt by our friends and family as they deal with the uncertainties of life.

We hold in prayer also that vast number of people around the world who are benefiting from the generous work of the Rotary Foundation, the object of this month's designation.

Take all efforts expended by Rotarians and use them in accord with Your will. Use each of us in our own spheres of influence to make life better for someone else.

For the material things of life which we have in comparative abundance, we offer our thanks including food to sustain our bodies.

Thank you also for the ability to enjoy fellowship with others, and with You in prayer. Amen.

# **Rotary International**

**Ian Riseley**

**Rotary Club of Sandringham, Australia**

## **District 6960 Governor**

**Bobbi Bird**

**The Rotary Club of Bonita Springs**

## **Area 2 Assistant Governor**

**Joe Faerber**

**Estero Rotary Club**

## **2016-2017 Club Officers**

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**Jon McLeod**

**President-Elect**

**Claudie Delgado**

**Secretary**

**Chris Riesen**

**Treasurer**

**Bob Lombardo**

**Sergeant-at-Arms**

**Roger Brunswick**

**Asst. Sgt-at-Arms**

**Bill Banfield**

## **Members of the Board**

**Steven Slachta, Jon McLeod,**

**Claudie Delgado-Feeney,**

### **2015-2018**

**Adam Botana, Joe Murgalo,**

**Jon Shaw**

### **2016-2019**

**Bob Lombardo, Kae Moore,**

**Gary Price**

### **2017-2020**

**Donna Marcotte, Frank Mazzeo, Mary**

**Saunders**

## **Trustees of The Foundation**

**Jim Dati, President; Stephanie**

**Kissinger, Secretary; Mark McCaw,**

**Treasurer; Jason Dolle, Sandy**

**Hemstead, Steven Slachta, Rex Sims**

**Trustees**



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MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE**

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