



Before the meet and greet, Sandra announced a selfie challenge with our own Bobbi Bird. Chris Riesen led the invocation, Roger Brunswick led the pledge, Jim Dati did the Four Way Test.

Ron sang our Valentine's Day song, both the actual version and his special version. Claudie, filled in for President Jon. Tickets were available to the Crew Concert, February 24, 6 pm \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Adam had tickets for The Reverse Raffle, April 7, 6 pm, at St. Leo's Catholic Church.



Donna announced a Rotary Regular meeting immediately following the bell in the back of the room. Rotary Regular Day is on March 14th. Bob Lombardo announced the US Army Jazz Ambassador band on

the same day! Also, The Rotary Club will have a table every Saturday at the Bonita Springs Farmer's Market at the Promenade. There will be sign up sheets at the next meeting. Mark Generales talked about the over 3,000 people who attended the Nautical Market the previous week which was more than last year. Mark asked us all to think about doing the event on Thursday, Friday, Saturday.



Bobbi and Wayne gave out the latest Paul Harris Fellows to Jim Horein, John Flammang, and Wendy Spivy.

Dr. Steve introduced Cathleen Morgan, Chairman of the Board, Lee County School District, who was the meeting's speaker. Mrs. Morgan



started off with a picture of the original Ft. Myers schoolhouse which burned to the ground with no support to rebuild it. This event led members of the community to take

matters into their own hands and create Lee County. Currently there are 96,000 students, however Florida is last in spending on their schools. Schools are over capacity in the east and south zones. There are 10 major projects which include 7 new schools that need to be completed over the next several years with less money available now than 10 years ago. The goal of the school board is to graduate everyone to college or a technical school giving them a degree or certification to earn a living. Thus, the half penny sales tax is the Board's proposed solution, to be used for capital expenses only.

This week's program:

Dr. Michael Martin,
President Florida Gulf University

This Morning's Invocation

O God, we come humbly into your presence by this avenue of prayer, expressing both our gratitude for gifts received, and our yearnings to be used as gifts to others. To that end, grant us visions of service yet unrendered, an awareness of goals yet unattained and hopes yet unrealized. Give us zeal and power to bring to reality the good and worthy things waiting to be done, and confirm our efforts by your assistance without which we labor in vain. Strengthen us now by food prepared and enjoyed. Enlighten us through productive conversations, and go with us as we return to waiting opportunities to make the day better for others. Amen.



Song:

Michael Row The Boat Ashore

Michael row the boat ashore, Hallelujah
 Michael row the boat ashore, Hallelujah
 Sister help to trim the sails, Hallelujah
 Sister help to trim the sails, Hallelujah
 Brother lend a helping hand, Hallelujah
 Brother lend a helping hand, Hallelujah
 Michael row the boat ashore, Hallelujah
 Michael row the boat ashore, Hallelujah

Notable Notes



Roger spoke to all of our visiting Rotarians.



5 Years ago

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT. **Adam Botana** came to us as the Immediate Past President of the Noon Club. He was born in Naples in 1984 and was brought up "around here" and other places as his family was in the traveling carnival business. The family's principal business now is Bay Water Boat Club but they still do fairs in Michigan and Mississippi.

10 Years ago

Our meeting last week featured extraordinary song and entertainment as we celebrated the birthdays of **Bobbi Bird** and **George Cohan**. **Bobbi** requested that the Rotary Regulars serenade her with "Happy Birthday". The Regulars did so grandly. **George Cohan** then asked Rotarians who predate his membership in the Club, namely November, 1983 to sing to him. They did so, offering their unique version of "Happy Birthday." Thanks to all for adding a lively touch to our meeting.

Who is this and when was this picture taken?



A cheerful Len Eckert did not win!

\$500 in the pot!



Upcoming Programs

Feb 28th. Interact Club Presentation.
Mar 7th. Not posted yet.
Mar 14th. Rotary Regular Day

Birthdays

Sue Masters Feb 22
Frank Liles Feb 22

Picture: Greg Holtz, 7/14/13, Star Spangled 5 k run

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