



Chris Riesen read the invocation, Roger Brunswick led the pledge, Donna Marcotte did the Four Way Test, after

President Jon suggested she cheat and read it in The Spoke, but it wasn't in The Spoke! All participated in a resounding rendition of Michael Row the Boat Show. The meeting started with a short business meeting, by voting for the Treasurer to have a vote on the Board. Also, our newest Board Member, GT Tasso had to resign and Vince Modarelli was voted in. Going forward Board



elections will be held in December and not January. District Governor Elect Sandra Hemstead talked about Rotary's work for clean water in Guatemala,

presenting a flag to President Jon, and announcing the Walk for Water, which represents the Guatemalans' walk to get clean water every day. Sandra is looking for a volunteer to chair this event. Vince gave an update on the rebuilding effort post Irma by announcing Disaster Aid USA's donation of \$10,000 needed to start the project. District Governor Bobbi Bird and Kae Moore welcomed Debbie Vorheez, as a new member. Debbie is from a long line of Rotarians.



tion home, etc. Please contact Mike mpoff56@cmsinter.net.

President Jon said that normally Dr. Steve would introduce the speaker—Dr. Steve interjected and said that he was introducing the speaker—himself! The topic was public education. Dr. Steve reported that the Estero High School Interact Club was celebrating 20 years! He told a heartwarming story of one of the students reading to a little Albania boy in his native language for the first time in several months! Other programs like Student of the Month and



Rising Seniors and a program Dr. Steve and Connie started 5 years ago that is similar to Leadership Bonita which take 12 seniors out of 60 applicants and puts them through a series of sessions that help to grow future community leaders.



This week's program:

Feb 28th. Dr. Michael Martin,
President, Florida Gulf University



Song: Smile, Sing a Song

Smile, and the world smiles with you,
Sing a song.

Don't be weary, just be cheery
all day long.

whenever your trials, your troubles and your
cares,

Seem to be more

Than you really can bear,

Smile and the world smiles with you,
Sing a song.

This Morning's Invocation

O God of amazing grace and goodness, as we gather again for fellowship and pursuit of our reasons for being Rotarians, we give thanks for blessings received since last we met. We pray that in the renewal of relationships enjoyed here today we might experience a new surge of confidence and hope for going forward. Help us not to be weary in well doing, but to be buoyed up with faith and assurance that we are not alone in life and work. Rekindle in us a sense of purpose in life, in the community, and in this club. We pray that the work of our officers and committees will prosper, to the end that our service in the community and in the world may be enhanced. Amen

Roger introduced guests which included a very tall Rotaracter from FGCU, Amora and Peggy Ballanger from Kennebunkport, Maine, a Past President, Past Assistant District Governor, and future District Governor.



Sarah gave a happy dollar since she was able to deposit \$840 into the cart fund last week!

Mark your calendars for the 2018 Rotary District Conference, May 17—19th at The Hyatt Regency Coconut Point in Bonita Springs. This is our own District President Bobbi Bird's conference so register early. Only a limited number of rooms are available. Register on the District website today.



Even though she wished really hard, Bobbi did not win! \$500 in the pot!



Upcoming Programs:
Mar 7th. Ken Kavanaugh, Athletic Director, FGCU
Mar 14th. Rotary Regular Day
Mar 21st. Mike Poff, What's Involved in Coaching College Football
Mar 28th. Sara Horein, Red Cross, Eradicating Measles

Front Desk: Carl Nickel, Diane Ewing

Birthdays (Feb 25—Mar 3):
Steve McIntosh, Feb 25 Roger Brunswick, Feb 26
Carl Schwing, Feb 26 Jim Renfro, Mar 2

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Notable Notes

5 Years ago
Make a Fashion Statement...for the next two weeks **Susan Schmitt** will be taking orders for Rotary garb. See Susan after today's meeting and learn how you can add Rotary apparel to your wardrobe.

10 Years ago—Celebrate Bonita And 5K Inaugural Run
Bobbie Bird delivered a spirited update on Celebrate Bonita which will be held on Saturday, April 5. This year will be needing 40 Rotarians to over- see the 5 K Inaugural Run and the Beer Truck. A sign-up sheet was circulated during last week's meeting. If you have not already volunteered, please do so this morning.
Ron Anderson also asked that we circulate the flyers promoting the 5K Run throughout the community. In addition, sponsorship opportunities are available. See Ron or **Paul Van Valkenburg** if you are interested.

Four Way Test

Is it the **TRUTH**?
Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
Will it build **GOOD WILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?



Rotary International	Directors
Ian Riseley	2015—2018
District 6960 Governor	Adam Botana, Joe Murgalo, Jon Shaw
Bobbi Bird	2016—2019
The Rotary Club of Bonita Springs	Bob Lombardo, Kae Moore, Gary Price
Area 2 Assistant Governor, Joe Faerber, Estero Rotary Club	2017—2020
2017—2018 Club Officers	Donna Marcotte, Frank Mazzeo, Mary Saunders
President, Jon McLeod, President-Elect, Claudie Delgado, Secretary, Chris Riesen, Treasurer, Bob Lombardo, Sergeant-at-Arms, Roger Brunswick, Asst. Sgt-at-Arms, Adam Botana	Trustees of The Foundation
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