



The Spoke



Wayne read the invocation, Roger led the Pledge of Allegiance, and John Spears did remember the Four Way Test! Jim, Wayne, Ron, and Roger sang The Yellow Rose of Texas. Roger commented that Stephanie is our Yellow Rose from Texas. Donna Flammang will be the new speaker chair, taking over for the very cool looking Marjorie! The committee will meet next month after sending a survey to the members which will helpful in planning the programs for the year.



President Jon again reminded us all that we will not have a meeting on Wednesday, May 16th since our meeting that week will be on Saturday, the 19th at the District Conference. It was mentioned that Donna secured a great hospitality suite however it was Sandra Hemstead who did so! Bob Lombardo said members could just attend the dinner and not the entire conference. Jon reminded everyone of our Habitat Humanity build on Saturday, April 21st. He also talked a little about the Reverse Raffle and Spirits of Bonita which raised \$3,500—Clara Ann who won a wagon. Adam was congratulated on a successful event. He reported that we raised \$48,000 with \$6,000 extra from the auction items—300 people attended.



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This Morning's Invocation

God, we gather once again as men and women committed to the values espoused by Rotarians everywhere, values and virtues desperately needing to be infused in our culture. We believe the qualities which characterize Rotarianism at its best have their origin in Your will and purpose. We pray, therefore, for divine assistance as we seek to so integrate them into our social, business and professional structures, that they become the accepted basis for behavior. Bless now the food provided for our use and enjoyment, and use the congeniality of our fellowship as a winsome witness to the quality of our togetherness. Accept our gratitude for all gifts and challenges which come from Your hand. Amen.



There was a rush of people volunteering to take Stephanie, The Yellow Rose, home after she had car trouble. District Governor Bobbi Bird said that she joined the Freeport, Maine Rotary Club in 1991 because it looked like a fun thing to do. She said it has been a blessing in her life and the best decision she ever made except for marrying Henry. Bobbi has quotes on her mirror at home and one is an African Proverb that says, "If you want to go fast go alone; if you want to go far go together". She reported that the next few years are going to be the toughest in raising money for Polio. It's easy to raise money when you have hundreds of cases but it's hard to motivate folks when there are only 3 cases world wide. People say, "What's next?". Bobbi said we can't think that way. You can't declare an area free until it's been 3 years from the last case and Polio has been found in sewage for up to 7 years. That means there are still 10 years to go. Rotary does a great job of managing 'our' money and providing funds for grants. Bobbi reported that there is a Pantry Truck which will serve the northern part of the District to help people who are food insecure. Alleviating hunger will be a focus of District Governor Elect Sandy. Bobbi asked us all to disregard Roger and go online to social media and let our friends know where we are. She said Rotary is all about making an idea a reality. According to Bobbi, this last year was the best year of her life in Rotary and she would gladly do it all over again!



This week's program:
Theresa Schultz, Shy Wolf Sanctuary

Song: Home on the Range

Oh give me a home,
Where the buffalo roam,
And the deer and the antelope play,
Where seldom is heard,
A discouraging word,
And the skies are not cloudy all day.

Chorus:
Home, home on the range,
Where the deer and the antelope play,
Where seldom is heard,
A discouraging word,
And the skies are not cloudy all day.

Notable Notes

5 Years ago

Last Week's Meeting

It was the 12th annual Rotary Regular Meeting. **Larry Miller** (rr) presided. In accordance with local tradition, he announced that it was National Name Yourself Day. **Andy Frech** (rr) delivered the invocation; **Bob Langhans** (rr) led the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Dave Langendorfer** (rr) masterfully delivered the 4-Way Test. Song leader **Joette Deane** (rr) noted the Rotary slogan for the year, "Peace Through Service", and led the singing of *Let There Be Peace on Earth*.

10 Years Ago Recognition

We appropriately recognized the efforts and hard work of **Ron Anderson**, **Bobbi Bird** and all Rotarians and Rotary Regulars who made the 5K Run and Celebrate Bonita a success.



Roger started his 14 minutes of fame by reporting that he won \$1,000 at the Reverse Raffle and held on to it until he returned to the table and Anita discovered that he'd won. He also reminded us all of certain rules like no cell phone use and no talking when the speaker is talking.



Manny was a guest of Dr. Claudie. Adam happily reported that a year after purchasing a house he finally has a hot water heater. Our Rotaract Students were present, including the Club President. John and Kae, requested a Snappy, Happy Birthday Song!



The FOUR-WAY test
of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?



Chris Riesen, again?!!
The pot is \$869.50



Mark you calendars for the 2018 Rotary District Conference, May 17—19th at The Hyatt Regency Coconut Point. This is our own District Governor Bobbi Bird's conference.

Upcoming Programs

Apr 21st. Habitat for Humanity Project
Apr 25th. Ismael Hernandez, Freedom & Virtue Institute.

Front Desk

Chris Riesen, Trina Carbonneau
Birthdays (Apr 15 - Apr 21)
Brian Olitsky Apr 15

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