



The Spoke



Dr. Claudie presided. Don Thompson did the invocation, Roger Brunswick led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Debbie V. did the Four Way Test, but, there was no singing today! Claudie reported that President Jon

was doing well after his shoulder surgery. Bob Lombardo reminded us that our dues are due even though we might not get an invoice. Dr. Brad reminded us of the Inaugural Bonita Springs High School Golf Tournament on May 12. Dr. Claudie asked for volunteers for the Front Desk for next



week's meeting. PETs training is the 21st and Vince also reminded us of the Habitat for Humanity project on the 21st as well. Sarah reported that the CART fund has given \$700,000 for Alzheimer's grants! Debbie Voorhees thanked everyone for asking her to chair the Walk for Water and reported that \$9,000 was raised and

a local Dentist was going to volunteer her time on the next mission trip to Guatemala. Bobbi had happy and sad dollars that her son's girlfriend collapsed from an aneurism at the age of 44 but was responding



to various stimuli like music and even coffee! Please pray for Laura Schultz. Bobbi then played the District Conference video, with a Hero theme, and showcasing a very agile Polio Pete! Bobbi reminded all to sign up and attend and that Donna Marcotte would help with that process!

This Morning's Invocation

O God, as individuals and as a Club help us to engage in worthy endeavors, not for personal satisfaction but for the benefit of others. Empower us to be men and women, not only of professional ability, but of such integrity that our words and works will be winsome and effective examples for others. As we tend to the organizational details of our Club and projects, help us to always keep on mind the larger and higher purposes of our chartered existence. We ask for Your blessing upon the food awaiting us that that we may be physically strengthened for continued service. May all we do and say be productive and to Your ultimate glory. Amen.

Vince introduced our speaker, Ismael Hernandez, Founder and President of the Freedom and Virtue Institute. The son of a Marxist, a member of the



Puerto Rican Communist Party, Ismael was taught that America was the enemy of the human race and needed to be destroyed. He remembered, from an early age, his mother crying because his father couldn't keep a job to feed their four children. He also remembered

never ending communist meetings and 7 hours speeches by Fidel. Ismael wanted that kind of commitment. His mother would sneak the children to mass so in order to mix Marxism and Jesus, he joined the Jesuits. He wanted to go to Sandinista Nicaragua and study the liberation theology that was brewing at the University of El Salvador. Just after 7 Jesuits were murdered in the 80s in the home he was going to be living in, he left seminary, came to the US, and landed in Dixie! Shortly after that Ismael's lungs were filled with the breath of freedom and he began to experience things that were in conflict with his prior beliefs. In American he learned about the uniqueness of the



individual and the connection between reward and accomplishment, which was the basis for the Freedom and Virtue Institute. The Institute promotes individual liberty, self-reliance, and human dignity by fostering attitudes and leading initiatives that create self-reliance among the underprivileged.

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

Song: Somewhere Over the Rainbow

Somewhere over the rainbow, way up high
There's a land that I've heard of, once in a lullaby.
Somewhere over the rainbow, skies are blue
And the dreams that you dare to dream,
really do come true.

Someday I'll wish upon a star
And wake up where the clouds are far behind me.
Where trouble melts like lemon drops
Way above the chimney tops.
That's where you'll find me.

Somewhere over the rainbow, blue birds fly.
Birds fly over the rainbow, why, then oh why, can't I?



Some, but not all, applauded Roger for speaking 5 minutes less, but Roger responded by fining everyone \$1 and asked they put it in the CART buckets. Roger noted that the Rotary Club of Ft. Myer's newsletter, The Yack, has an article on our very own James. Leary. Jim Horein had \$5, split in \$3 and \$2 increments for Roger's improved presentations. Roger suggested we skype Jim after he leaves. Mark G. mentioned his daughter who, as a newscaster in Houston, was able to report on the death of Mrs. Barbara Bush. We also had to say goodbye to some of our Rotary Regulars.



**Rex did not win!
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

May 2, TBD

Mary 21, District Conference

Front Desk

TBD

Birthdays (April 22—April 28))

Adam Botana, April 27

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Notable Notes

5 Years ago

The 17th annual Reverse Raffle ended with a whimper as **The Final Five**, mostly proxies, decided to take \$3,000 apiece and call it a night. There was an overflow crowd of 410. This was 60 more than rsvp'd and made it difficult for the caterer staff and the club's organizers.

10 Years ago

Special Invitation

Kentucky Derby—Florida Style

May 3, 4:45 p.m.

Rotarians and Rotary Regulars are invited to **Jim and Jody Horein's** home at 27821 Riverwalk (in Bonita Bay). \$20 pp for entry to the "VIP and Paddock." RSVP to Jim at 495-4684 or Topskipper@aol.com.



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?

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