



The Spoke



Ray read the invocation, Adam led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Ron Anderson had sympathy on the one armed President and led us in song. President Jon blamed his situation on too much water skiing, weight lifting and being hit by cars while riding bikes. Some of the good things



about having only one arm is you only have one arm to fill your plate so you lose 5 lbs, you don't get in trouble for falling asleep in the recliner, and you get to have your wife dress you. Jon welcomed Kenneth Wise with a

certificate suitable for framing—at his own expense.



He also asked for a volunteer for Poinsettia duty since Dr. Wendy will be busy this season. Jon reminded the group that if you're not signed up for the District dinner and you don't have a good excuse, you'll get a no show for the meeting since that *is* the meeting! Bob Lombardo took a

few moments to auction off a cd from the Jazz Ambassadors concert, to remind us all to put money in the CART buckets, and to be sure to be here for



our May 23rd speaker who will present an interesting idea on the cause of Alzheimer's. The donor advised fund approved a request for \$50,000 to rebuild 15 homes in Lee County after Irma damage.

This Morning's Invocation

Good and Gracious God, it is humbling for us to realize that you have made each of us the crown of creation, not just for privilege but to be stewards of Your created order. But we have been called also to be stewards of moral, ethical and spiritual values. Give us a sense of urgency as we seek to make a meaningful difference in the lives of others. Grant to us as responsible citizens and leaders, such strength of character, courage of conviction and compassionate concern, that our influence for good will be felt in every life we touch. Bless now our food to strengthen our bodies, and our fellowship to enrich our relationships. In the spirit, as well as with words of gratitude, we offer this prayer. Amen.



Roger's younger, better looking brother took over as Sergeant at Arms and wished our Rotary Regulars a Fond Farewell. Clara Ann congratulated Jim Renfro for his excellent jewelry making skills and praised Bobbi for all she has done for the District. Members welcomed new grand babies, talked about going to a fly in fish camp in Canada all summer.

We said farewell to Rotary



Regulars. Vince mentioned that Susan Rice lost her battle with cancer. Birthdays were celebrated, money was collected. Mark McCaw mentioned turning

60 with a group of friends in The Florida Keys. Noreen Harrington, a partner in a boutique firm, Developer Capital, who works with assisted living facilities, redevelopment of golf courses, etc. was introduced. Previously of Goldman Sachs and having lived in London for 6 years, she was the whistle blower in the mutual fund scandal. To date there have been over 5 million in fines collected. Ms. Harrington spoke about bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies. If Amazon, etc., are category killers, the digital



currencies are serial killers. In the 70s the US went off the gold standard. What backs the paper now? Around 2008, 2009, Satoshi Nakamoto wrote a white paper on block chain technology—an accounting system that is completely transparent and traceable. This technology is an irreversible ledger.

This week's program:

Mina Merkel, Organization Development Specialist

Song: Are You Sleeping?

Are you sleeping, are you sleeping?
Brother John, Brother John?
Morning bells are ringing,
morning bells are ringing
Ding dong ding, ding dong ding.

Frère Jacques, Frère Jacques,
Dormez-vous? Dormez-vous?
Sonnez les matines, sonnez les matines
Ding dong ding, ding dong ding.

A man who needs no introduction and apparently no microphone, goodbye to our Rotary Regulars, proud moments for parents and grandparents and birthday celebrations.



Optimism and then disappointment!



The pot is \$1,030.50.

Upcoming Programs

May 16, NO MEETING
May 17—19th, District Conference,
May 23, Dr. Leslie Norins, Immunology Researcher.
May 30, Ana Lopez, Rotary Exchange Student
Front Desk
TBD

Birthdays (May 6—May 12)
Chuck Spears May 11
Gordon Costley (rr) May 12
Chris Riesen May 12

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Notable Notes

5 Years ago
We enjoyed our “official visit” from Area 3 Assistant District Governor **Nancy Ross**. Thanks Nancy for your leadership and being such a great Rotarian.
10 Years ago
President **Fred Partin** proudly displayed the Certificate of Appreciation received from the Susan G. Komen **Race for the Cure**. Our Club had over 20 volunteers whose time and commitment helped make the event a huge success. Thanks for your participation.

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.



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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