



The Spoke



John Flammang read the invocation, Roger led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, Mark did the Four Way Test.

Bobbi reported on RMB, Rotary Means Business, with 50 people attending their first meeting. Another event will be held this Thursday, from

5:30—7:30 pm, at the Westin, where next year's District Conference will be held. You can sign up online and save \$5. Bobbi also asked for help with school supplies for the Copeland students who are in great need. Bob Lombardo reported that donations can be made on our website by putting a description in the box.

President Claudie reported on a wheelchair fundraiser at the Naples Beach Hotel sponsored by the Naples Clubs, Thursday, September 20th, from 5:30—7:30, \$30 per person.



Jason, the new President of the Foundation, gave a very informative report. The role of the Foundation is to decide the best use of the funds that The Club collects. Last year we gave over \$80,000 with \$48,000 going to the local community.

District 6960 matched a gift from The Rotary Club of Bonita Springs that will allow the purchase of trees for the Red Hibiscus neighborhood in Bonita Springs. Habitat for Humanity needs volunteers for a Tree Planting Day, the morning of Saturday, September 15th. The goal is to have 25 volunteers from the 3 Bonita Springs Clubs so we can spend an enjoyable day with friends and finish early enough to go to lunch together! The Red Hibiscus Community is just off Terry Street at I-75. Volunteers may register at the link provided – or you may cut or copy and paste it in your browser.

<http://vhub.at/rotary6960>

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.



The Rotary Club of Bonita Springs received a check for \$5,000 from the proceeds of the Big Green Egg Event. Jon McLeod, Chris Riesen, and Bob Lombardo cooked several items on one of the Big Green Eggs. They didn't win a prize, but they performed with gusto, according to Bob!!

Clara Ann gave a "commercial: on a new website, Vote411.com, which allows you to click on your precinct and then on links for each of the candidates with their bio and other information.

Ruth Deyoe, Coordinator for Mission Peniel, the Im-mokalee Farm Workers, gave us a presentation on the good works the organization is doing in the area. Ruth first told us the definition of Immokolee is "Your Home". And, indeed it has become home for the many people who live and work there. On a single Friday, the mission will serve food to 400 in the off season and as many as 800 in the high season. They serve with a spirit of hospitality and take a relational approach. They also offer clothing and commodities, haircuts, and support other needs.



This week's program:
Rotary's Camp Florida, Liz Fields

Song: Beer Barrel Polka

Oh, there's music and there's dancing
And a lot of sweet romancing
When they play the polka they all get in the swing
Roll out the barrel, we'll have a barrel of fun

Roll out the barrel, we've got the blues on the run
Zing boom tarrarel, ring out a song of good cheer
Now's the time to roll the barrel,
for the gang's all here



Notable Notes

5 Years ago

Don Manley gave us a slide show report of the "Wheelchair" trip to El Salvador. There were 48 people in the group. Many were Rotarians and family members from our club. Don explained that the idea started 3 years ago when his son, Hector, said he wanted to kayak the length of the Mississippi River as a fund raiser for the **Wheelchair Foundation** and the **Wounded Warriors**.

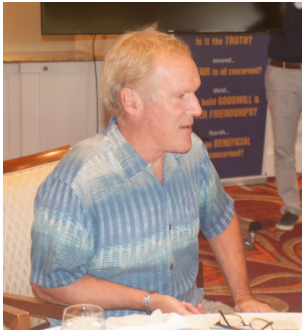
10 Years ago

President **Ray Faubion** presided. **Kenny King** delivered the invocation. **Stephanie Kissinger** led the Pledge of Allegiance and **Fred Partin** led the 4 Way Test. **Steve Krchniak** directed a rousing performance of *The Beer Barrel Polka*. We pleased to welcome Rotarian **Jim Friedgen** of Derry, New Hampshire. We were also happy to meet **Susan Schmidt**, a guest of **Linda Ritzert**.



Roger told us no one would be fined but everyone had to put \$1 in the Blue Bucket!

The Club welcomed Dave Langendorfer back!



Gerry Ruback was a guest, while visiting his mother, Marjorie!

Steve and Wendy requested a formal rendition of Happy Birthday, asking the "closet musician" Jim Dati, to lead the song. Wendy also had a Happy Dollar about school starting!



The new treasurer stood to collect Happy/Sad dollars from Roger but also had \$2 of Happy Dollars that his parents just celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary.



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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Our guest, young Mr. DeVoe did not win!

The pot is now \$1,514!



Upcoming Programs

August 22nd. Emily Sumpmann, Special Events Coordinator at Make-A-Wish Southern Florida
August 29th. Brendan Powers, Interim Director of the Florida Repertory Theater

Birthdays (August 12 - August 18)

Kenny Wise Aug 12

Nancy Ross Aug 12

Ike Lichtenstein Aug 13

Dale Timble Aug 16

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