



The Spoke



Mary Saunders with her sidekick, Mattie Rae, read the invocation, Roger led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Linda did the Four Way Test. Roger was happy to lead us in

song and dance, by asking Jim Dati, Bobbi Bird, Sandra Hemstead, and Gary Price to dance the Beer Barrel Polka while the audience sang and cheered them on!

President Claudie had a couple of announcements, starting with Dictionary Labeling Day on Saturday, Sept 15th, the same day as the Habitat for Humanity Tee planting over on Red Hibiscus. A sign up sheet is being circulated. Sandy wanted to know if the



trees for the tree planting were little and someone else asked if the holes would be dug! President Claudie announced meeting with The Cub presidents of the Bonita Clubs and circulated info on upcoming events.



Former Club President Jon reported on the Green Egg Cookoff. Jon along with Steve Kissinger and received a check for \$5,000. Jon also gave an update on the major grants submitted back in April/May from funds raised for Irma Relief. Vince said \$50,000 was donated so far and 16 houses have been rebuilt. The next step was to go to the District and ask for a competitive grant—and our Club has been awarded the \$50,000 match! That makes a total of \$110,000 for Habitat for Humanity.

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.



President Claudie asked Jon to remain and for District Governor Sandy to come up. Sandy had two flags to present—one from Uganda, and the other

from Rome. No, not Rome, Italy, but Rome, Georgia! This is Kelsey Mitchell's Club, where they made Sandy an honorary member!

Sandy also reminded everyone about the training this weekend in Port Charlotte at the Cultural Center. Sessions would be offered on membership recruiting and retention, the foundation, and public image. More details could be found on the District website.

Susan Schmidt announced that it was not only 10 years with The Rotary Club but 10 years of her involvement with Rotary's Camp Florida, located in Brandon. Everything changed when Liz Fields came on board 5 years ago. The mission of the camp is to provide barrier free camping facilities for special needs user groups who make use of the facilities on a smaller scale, allowing for grass roots participation. The camp, in it's 27th year, only has a debt of \$50,000 against a value of \$3,000,000. They are a 501c3, supported by Rotary Clubs. The kids and their families never pay,



but the particular user group does contribute. Liz is trying to increase participation by asking Clubs to have their meetings there and invited all Rotarians who have never been to come and visit!

This week's program:

Emily Sumpmann,
Special Events Coordinator
Make-A-Wish, Southern Florida

Song: "School Days"

*School days, school days
Dear old golden rule days
Readin' and 'ritin' and 'rithmetic
Taught to the tune of the hickory
stick*

*You were my queen in calico
I was your bashful barefoot beau
And you wrote on my slate
"I love you, so"
When we were a couple of
kids*





Roger said it was nice to see faces he hasn't seen in a while like Dave Timple who unfortunately had his name misspelled in The Spoke. Roger wasn't complaining since The Spoke editor position doesn't pay very well! Dale was the only birthday boy today. Rex has a happy dollar for his first international book sale to former Club Member Peter Z. in Portugal (the editor will not risk another misspelling). Tom Briers had 2 happy dollars since his was recovering nicely from his surgery and was happy to be there. Bob Lombardo had a few remaining happy dollars that his grandchildren were visiting even though it cost him a \$600 steak dinner! Len had a happy dollar that he was able to get his daughter moved out and into an apartment! Steve had good and bad news, that his son in law will be going on deployment in Afghanistan but that he was able to shake the hand of the President of the United States!



Joe Murgalo won!

The pot is now \$500



Upcoming Programs

August 29th. Brendan Powers, Interim Director, Florida Repertory Theater

September 5, TBA

September 12, Brenda Brooks, Exec Director, CREW

Birthdays (August 19 - August 25)

Debbie Voorhees Aug 25

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Notable Notes

5 Years ago

President **Bobbi Bird** presided over what was an extraordinarily full and meaningful meeting. **Brian Olitsky** delivered the invocation; **Joe Murgalo** the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Dawn Colecchio** the 4 Way Test. **Dale Timple** led a rousing version of "School Days."

10 Years ago

President **Ray Faubion** introduced us to **Philipp Weiner**, the German Exchange student staying with him and Jeanne. President Ray shared a light-hearted story regarding Phillip's views on Chinese food. We were honored to witness the traditional exchange of banners between Phillip and President Ray.



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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