


In the interest of time, President Elect Chris Riesen asked to forgo the meet and greet and asked Ray Faubion to proceed with the invocation. Roger Brunswick led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and Past President Jon McLeod did the Four Way Test. Mark Generales led us in the song, God Bless American by first telling us the story of Irving Berlin, his coming to America, and writing White Christmas as well as many others.

There were a few announcements including an upcoming Rotary Means Business event in Naples, registration is online. August 18th is the District Foundation PR seminar - Chris, Sandy, Bob, and Donna would be attending. August 25th is the RLI training and Chris would be attending that event. Bobbi Bird is looking for the name of a student who would like to go abroad for the Rotary youth exchange. Jason Dolle is new President of the Foundation and will give brief overview of the foundation next week.

Chris announced that our Club was founded on November 3, 1968 so a big celebration was being planned for that date this year!

It was mentioned that Stefan had a family emergency and had to fly back to Europe so he won't be back this year.



Jon McLeod spoke about the Green Egg Cook-off, which happened after Steven Kissinger, from the Kiwanis Club, asked us to participate. As a result of that participation, our club is getting a check for \$5,000!

Chris read a letter from Habitat thanking us for our \$7,500 donation. Jon clarified that this was part of the District Grant.

Bob Lombardo asked Marco's help in holding up a sign announcing the hours of operation for our upcoming Christmas Tree sales, presenting the sign to John Flammang who will be chairing the tent sales this year.



Roger commented that Mattie was still not talking but Mary Saunders said that Mattie's adoption was finalized and that she was stuck with her and Chadwick. Not sure if the two are connected!

Susan introduced Hollie Kobie by telling us all that she had taught some of Hollie's children over the years and it was a pleasure to see a family where Rotary was such an important part of their lives.

Hollie talked to us about Rotary Youth Exchange and spoke about the growth and success of the program with students from all around the world. From Rotaract with Dictionary's in their hand to Interactors, this is the progression of youngsters into the program. The cost is \$750 for a Club to host an outbound student. There must be 3 families in the area for the inbound student. The student changes families 3 times during their stay so they can experience different families during their stay. As Hollie said, these are "pockets of peace" in the world.




This week's program:
Ruth Deyoe, Immokalee Farm Workers Youth Programs

This Morning's Invocation

O God, in a society so enamored of things and pleasures, help us to remember that ancient truth that "man does not live by bread alone." We are grateful for material things but help us to see and use them in the larger context of that which is moral, ethical, and spiritual. Guide and strengthen us in personal and corporate pursuit of activities from which others will benefit. As we have been served in various ways, motivate us to serve others. We express gratitude for the blessings of food and fellowship by which we are enriched. Amen.

Song: God Bless America

*God bless America, land that I
love.
Stand beside her and guide
her
Through the night
With the light from above.
From the mountains
To the prairies
To the oceans, white with foam,
God bless America, My home sweet home.
God bless America, My home sweet home.*





Roger asked that everyone get put a dollar in the blue bucket. He also introduced our guests including Marco from Italy. Chris shouted out that he loved Italy. Roger then mentioned that we forgot our meet and greet and Chris said that that it was because he was running the show today!

Roger asked for happy/sad dollars. Mark was happy about the birth of his 2nd grandson and the birthday of his 1st grandson. Mark McCaw was happy to have been invited to the Pan Pacific Swimming championship so he said yes, but then he found out he was going have to fly to Tokyo Friday to return Tuesday!!! Sandy had happy dollars for her upcoming trip to Puerto Rico to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the San Juan club,



Roger said to Rex that there was only 1 mention of the Rotary Club in his book, but he does think we should invest it the movie rights. Roger celebrated birthdays for the birthday folks were absent. Joe Murgalo had a joke but regrettably the editor missed it. It just have been funny based on the look on Joe's face!

Jonathon Shaw's stand in, Mark Generales won \$100!
Wonder if Jonathon split it with him?!



The pot is now \$1,459!



Upcoming Programs

August 15, Rotary's Camp Florida, Liz Fields
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 (July 29 - August 4)
Steve Krchniak August 5
Wendy Arsenault August 7
Eileen Tasso August 8

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Notable Notes

5 Years ago

Bobbi inducted **Donna Marcotte** as a new member sponsored by **Jay Berube**. She is the Membership Director of The Colony Golf & Country Club. Welcome Donna. Sgt.-at-Arms **George Cohan**, started by fining Bobbi \$10 for calling **Bob Lombardo**, "Roger". George organized birthday celebrations for **Howard Lemus** and **Jim Dati**. Jim asked that his tribute be sung by all those born after 1972. Five members were eligible.

10 Years ago

President **Ray Faubion** informed us of the imminent arrival of the German Exchange Student who will staying with Ray and Jeanne for about three months. If other families are willing to host please so advise 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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