



# The Spoke



President Claudie started her first meeting by ringing the bell and *then* having everyone walk around for the meet and greet! "Billy" Banfield read the invocation, Roger led us in the Pledge, Jim Dati did the Four Way Test. President Claudie asked Ron to lead us in song because she didn't know what a 'tootsey wootsey' was!

Claudie thanked all for attending the memorial service for Greg Holtz. It was reported that Tom Burgess' wife had shoulder surgery; the Club sent well wishes to the family. Claudie announced the July 22nd Trifecta Party celebrating Rex Sims' 69th wedding anniversary, and his new book! We will also have a celebration for Rex complete with champagne at next week's meeting. With no other announcements, Roger got a lot of extra time! He welcomed Billy Banfield who hasn't been here in a while—since last week's meeting! Billy did a brief "commercial" for Roger in his distinctive announcer voice. Roger was happy to see other folks who haven't been there in a while as well, like Morgan Eldridge! Roger welcomed Stefan who was glad to be back. Stefan reported he has been coming to Club meetings for 9 years and was disappointed there would be no Rotary Summer Golf. In the middle of Stefan's report, Roger's cell phone went off. Much was made of this. As of September, Stefan will be a lawmaker in the Parliament until July of next year! Stefan will be speaking to the Club in 2 weeks. There were no other guests so Roger asked for Happy/Sad Dollars. Roger was the first with a Happy Dollar that Anita is home from the hospital after having a TIA, but he was so glad it wasn't more serious. Carl had a Happy Dollar for going back in business as a sole proprietor.



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## This Morning's Invocation

Gracious God, in the midst of these summer days we are grateful that your love and grace are not seasonal but continuous. Having gathered again as Rotarians, we are mindful that our call to service is not seasonal, nor is our commitment to high ethical and moral standard in personal and professional life. As officers and members alike, guide us in ways which reflect our basic reasons for existence as a club, to serve our community, to show compassion, to act with integrity and to labor with diligence to make peace a reality, here and around the world. May our gathering here today re-energize us for these opportunities. Bless our food and fellowship not just for our own personal needs but for strength to serve others. We are grateful for the privilege of so doing. Amen.

Roger asked the name of the company and Carl replied, "Carl Nickel"! Roger also mentioned our beloved Club member Greg Holz, about whom nothing but good can be said. There was another Happy Dollar from Pres Claudie who was happy to report that Ray Faubion would be filling an open Board slot. Ray also reported that BBT would now be known as Mc Griff Insurance Services. Roger asked if that was the same as McGruff, the Crime Dog! Roger had to rush across the room for another Happy Dollar from Sarah who asked for dollars to be placed in the blue buckets. Since we missed the birthday of Mr. Barber last week he was honored this week along with two other beautiful birthday girls. Linda introduced Alfred Gal, Jr., Rotary Assistant Governor, Area 2. Al has been with the Naples North Rotary Club for 12 years, on the Board for 6 years, and President in 2016-17. Mr. Gal is an attorney and resident of Naples for 20 years, married to his wife, Maria, of 24 years and father of 2 children. He is here to deliver Governor Sandy's message, by visiting all clubs ahead of her upcoming visit. He explained that Rotary is set up in 34 zones—we are Zone 34—with 21 districts and 54 Rotary Clubs within our zone. The new theme for Rotary in 2018-2019 is "Be the Inspiration". Al talked about Barry Rassin, the new Rotary International President, who sees Rotary as Paul Harris envisioned, a group of individuals coming together to become greater than they are and making a global impact. Mr. Rassin's goal is to grow Rotary membership, focus on an increase in humanitarian service, an increase in service projects, awareness of Rotary, and continue to fight polio. Sandy's goals were outlined as well with donations to the Rotary Foundation and Polio, growing Club membership, developing and revitalizing Rotary clubs, and working and communicating with younger Rotarians.



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## This week's program:

Shannon Lane, Chief Professional Officer,  
Boys and Girls Clubs of Lee County

## Song: Oh What a Beautiful Morning

There's a bright golden haze  
on the meadow  
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on the meadow  
The corn is as high as an  
elephant's eye  
An' it looks like it's climbin'  
clear up to the sky



Oh, what a beautiful mornin'  
Oh, what a beautiful day  
I've got a wonderful feelin'  
Every thing's goin' my way



# Roger's Corner

# Notable Notes



*Stefan was happy, until he found out he didn't win!*

*The pot is now \$1,376!*



### Upcoming Programs

July 25, Stefan Gehrold, European Economy  
August 1, Rotary Youth Exchange, Hollie Kobie  
August 15, Rotary's Camp Florida, Liz Fields

### Birthdays (July 15 - July 21)

Rolando Rivera, July 17  
Kenny King, July 18  
Rex Sims July 19

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### 5 Years ago

It was thus fitting that **Sandy Scoggins** reported that our Club recently participated in a matching grant project in partnership with the Rotary Club of Los Charcas Bolivia, District 4690, and Alfalt International. The project funded an adult literacy program to assist mothers to learn reading and writing skills in Spanish and learn basic math. In addition, the grant supported a preschool literacy program for one year, impacting the lives of approximately 600 students.

### 10 Years ago

**50/50**—Last week a delighted **John West** drew the Nine of Diamonds to win \$5. Of the cards remaining in the deck for this week's drawing, there are 3 Aces worth \$100 each and the Joker which wins \$1789. We contributed \$51 to the Foundation. As always, \$1 buys a ticket, 3 for \$2, 10 for \$5 and 25 for \$10.



**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?

### Rotary International

Ian Riseley, Rotary Club of Sandringham, Australia

District 6960 Governor

Bobbi Bird, The Rotary Club of Bonita Springs

Area 2 Assistant Governor

Joe Faerber, Estero Rotary Club

### 2017-2018 Club Officers

President	Jon McLeod
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Treasurer	Bob Lombardo
Sergeant-at-Arms	Roger Brunswick
Asst. Sgt-at-Arms	Adam Botana

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Chris Riesen, Bob Lombardo

2015-2018

Adam Botana, Joe Murgalo, Jon Shaw

2016-2019

Bob Lombardo, Kae Moore, Gary Price

2017-2020

Donna Marcotte, Frank Mazzeo, Mary Saunders

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Sandy Hemstead, Steven Slachta, Rex Sims  
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