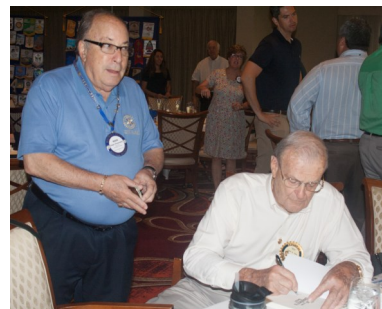




# The Spoke



Bobbi read the invocation, Roger led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, Stephanie Kissinger did the Four Way Test. President Claudie said we would hold off on the song while some announcements were made including the next Rotary Means Business event, August 2nd in Naples. All can register on the District Website. Rex Sim's Trifecta Birthday was announced for Sunday at The Elks Lodge. Rex and his wife are celebrating 69 years of marriage, his wife's 89th birthday, his 90th birthday, and he will be signing copies of his book. He said that Rotarians "clothed him when he had no clothes, fed him when he had no food, and gave him a home when he had none"! A celebratory toast of champagne followed which Rex said was for Rotary as well. Roger introduced the many guests that were present. Melissa Basley, who has known President Claudie for several years, is looking forward to networking in the community with her online company, which specializes in produce that are deemed not good enough for grocery stores. Susie Smith, a low talker, has an online business as well, that helps



folks do good in the world—just like Rotary does. We had some Rotaracter and Roger's next guest was a very, very tall, Greg, who is the owner of Kava Culture and Tech Butler.

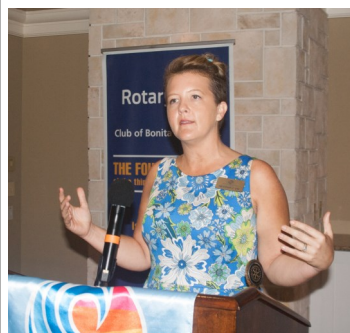
## This Morning's Invocation

Eternal God, whose existence we acknowledge, whose continued blessings we seek and on whom we depend in faith, we invoke Your blessings upon us in this gathering today. We have come from a variety of places and tasks, to share in fellowship and in renewal of our commitment to the Rotarian ideals and standards to which we have pledged ourselves and substance. Accept now our gratitude for food, for table fellowship, and for all blessings from Your beneficent hand. Amen.



Blake Collingsworth, founder of Josh the Otter, who now has a place in Bonita Bay, had \$20 for Happy Dollars. He also awarded The Rotary Club of Bonita Springs with recognition for their outstanding commitment to water safety. Mark Generales had a Happy

Dollar that he would be flying to California soon to welcome their 2nd grandson. Ron was happy to head north soon to Wisconsin for a family get together, where on the 10 o'clock news they spend most of the time talking about the Packers. Scott was happy to have returned from New Hampshire from a wedding and a reunion with the family. They also go to see a Red Sox Game! Bob Lombardo thanked Chris for arranging a Golf Outing at Bay Hill. Nancy was happy that Blake was here and that his wife is starting a new Club in Nebraska. She's also on her way to Chicago to see her grandchildren. Bobbi was happy to welcome the FGCU students. She was



also happy that the District, for the 3rd year in a row, was tops in donations to the Foundation. Clara Ann was happy about her recent League of Women's Voters conference. Debbie was sad to miss Rex's birthday celebration but happy to head to Hilton

Head to celebrate her grandmother's 100th birthday! Shannon Lane was our speaker. She is the Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Club of Lee County. Her team of 33 has served over 1,200 children. Their mission is to help children reach their full potential as productive, caring and responsible citizens. Emphasis is good academic and healthy lifestyles and teaching character and leadership. She informed us on how her organization is making the most of after school time!

**This week's program:**  
Stefan Gehrold, European Economy

## Song: Bye, Bye Blackbird

Pack up all my care and woe.

Here I go, singing low,  
Bye, bye blackbird.

Where somebody waits for  
me,

Sugar's sweet, so is she/he,  
Bye, bye blackbird.

No one here can love and  
understand me,

Oh, what hard luck stories they all hand me.

Make my bed and light the light,

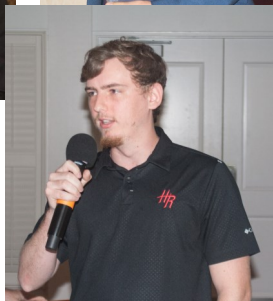
I'll arrive late tonight,

Blackbird, bye, bye.





## Roger's Corner



**Mr. Poff did not win!**

**The pot is now \$1,421!**



### Upcoming Programs

August 1, Rotary Youth Exchange, Hollie Kobie

August 8, Stefan Gerherd, Europe Economy

August 15, Rotary's Camp Florida, Liz Fields

**Birthdays (July 22 - July 28)**

**Jim Winemiller (rr)** July 22

**Morgan Eldridge** July 24

**Jim Dati** July 25

**Ira Hawk** July 28

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## Notable Notes

### 5 Years ago

We were honored by the presence of Honor Flight heroes **Ralph King** and **Gus Smith**. As we all know, Honor Flight flies World War II veterans to Washington for a day of memory, gratitude, and thanksgiving. Gus Smith offered a moving testimonial of what the day and the outpouring of support meant to him and his comrades. Special thanks to **Roger Brunswick** for his support of this extraordinarily important program.

### 10 Years ago

President **Ray Faubion** presided. **Doug Pratt** delivered the invocation. **Jose Lopez** led the Pledge of Allegiance and **Ozzy Tello** led the 4 Way Test. **Steve Krchniak** directed a rousing performances of *Take Me Out To The Ball Game* and *All Hail to Rotary*.



**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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