



The Spoke



Vice President Chris began the meeting with a moment of silence for our recently departed Rotarians, Greg Holtz, Ira Hawk, and Dick Fredrickson.

Susan read the invocation, Gary led the Pledge, and Jonathan did the Four Way Test.

Roger led us in song with a rousing rendition of The Battle Hymn of The Republic.

Chris reminded all to contribute to the Blue Bucket and that the first Club Social would be the following evening at the Trianon at 6pm. Dictionary Labeling Day and the Tree Planting are both on Saturday the 15th. Distribution of Dictionaries will be October 12th and the BOD will be at John Spear's Office next Wednesday at 5 pm. Also, Save the Date on November 10th for The Club's 40th Year Anniversary.

Gary Price had 10 Happy Dollars for Trish Leonard's award as the Bonita Chamber Business of the Year.



Steve congratulated Dr. Piotrowski who is too humble to mention his success with the new Bonita Springs High School JV Football Team.

This Morning's Invocation

Good and gracious God, we bow humbly before You in acknowledgement of your goodness to us in so many ways. We are awed by the mystery of your Being, by all that is supernatural and spiritual. But we are impressed, as well, by your relevant presence revealed to us in the course of daily life. When we are tempted to rely on our own knowledge, ability, and wisdom, prod us to trust the sufficiency of your grace and credibility of your promises. We thank You for the food prepared for us, for the fellowship we anticipate around these tables, and the for the awareness of our continual blessings. Amen.



Gerry had a Happy Dollar for Kirk Ferentz, the University of Iowa Head Football Coach who has the winningest record in the school's history and may past Joe Paterno's record this year.

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Mark asked Roger to sing the fastest birthday song ever in celebration of his birthday.

Len Eckert got up and pretended to be nervous but sounded like a pro introducing our guest speaker.



Dr. Paul Backhouse is the Historic Preservation Officer and Primary Representative for the Seminole Tribe. Dr. Backhouse has a PhD in archaeology.

He talked about the Tribe's upcoming festival and invited all to attend but his primary goal was to talk about rising sea levels and the effects it will have on the over 16,000 historic sites. For more information go to: www.ahtahthiki.com

This week's program:

Brenda Brooks, Executive Director ,
CREW Land & Water Trust.

Song: "Bye Bye Blackbird"

Pack up all my cares and woes,

Here I go, singing low,

Bye, bye, blackbird.

Where somebody waits for me,

Sugar is sweet, so is she,

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 was happy to have 20 minutes!! Thankfully, Rotary Regular Bob Langhans filled in for 3 minutes with a very interesting story of some of his summer goings on.



Roger welcomed Cape Coral Rotarian, Bernard "Pat" who is visiting all the Rotary Clubs in Lee County now that he is retired. There are 16 Clubs and he has 3 to go.



Brett Watson was visiting from Rotaract of FGCU. Marco was also there and announced that he will be interning at ACT as a result of seeing the good works our Club does.

**Kae Moore is amazed—that he didn't win!!
The pot is now \$500**



Upcoming Programs

September 19th. Nancy Humbert, Exec. VP of Ambulatory Services and External Affiliations, Nicklaus Children's Hospital, with special guest Julie Pedretti, Area Director of Community Relations.

September 26th. Deb Voorhees, Community Support Coordinator, Friends of Lovers Key.

October 3rd, Dr. Scott Peters, Manager, New Bonita Springs ER, NCH.

October 4th, Club Social, 6 pm, Trianon Hotel

Birthdays (Sept 9 - Sept 15)

None

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Notable Notes

5 Years ago

President **Bobbi Bird** presided. **Nancy Ross** delivered the invocation; **Martha Erickson** the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Bill Banfield** the 4 Way Test. **Jon McLeod** led a rousing version of "*Battle Hymn of the Republic*." **Jon McLeod** "kicked off" this year's Alternative Fundraising Campaign. Each and every week you will have an opportunity to impress your fellow Rotarians with your amazing football prognostication abilities. So play, root (Go Browns) and support Relay for Life.

10 Years ago

Jason Dolle is looking for assistance with the Dictionary Day project on October 3. Sign- up sheets are being circulated. **Ira Hawk** offered a **Shots for Tots** Report. 27 families received assistance this past week. **Ron Anderson** provided a preliminary up- date on this year's Christmas Tree Project.



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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