



The Spoke



Dr. Brian read the invocation, Roger led us in the Pledge, and Wendy did the Four Way Test. Roger also led us in song! President Claudie announced that we would be having a Rotary Minute at each meeting—since we didn't do this last week Chris and Claudie both caught us up. **Remember it is your responsibility as a Rotarian to share Rotary with others and the sponsorship of a new member continues past the initial recommendation.**

Claudie announced the success of the First Inaugural Club Social at The Trianon, We were also reminded of the passing of Dick Frederickson and the details of his service. Donna announced the new look of the Club Website reminding everyone that the password for the member only section is **inspiration**. Please log in and change it if you wish. Claudie reminded us of the Tree Planting and Dictionary Day, both this Saturday. Roger started by looking around for guests, welcoming Jim and Don



back! Having no birthdays this week, Roger said all should put \$1 in the Blue Buckets, offering to help Nancy find her dollar! Don reported that the secret to getting along after 48 years of marriage is to be 1800 miles apart. He will also participate in the Tough Mudder event with his son, Hector, November 12 in Atlanta.



Nancy announced that she attended a Fundraiser for Josh the Otter in Englewood and was so proud of our Club's involvement. Mark reminded us as we watch Florence bear down on the Carolinas that it was one year ago that we were dealing with the aftermath of Irma.

This Morning's Invocation

Eternal God, we acknowledge your gift of yet another day of life in which we can receive and implement your blessings. Having entered the month of September with its Rotary designation as New Generations Month, we give thanks for the hundred of teenagers and young adults involved in Interact and Rotaract throughout the world, and for all youngsters involved in children's programs of various kinds. We pray for their leaders and teachers who share their wisdom and experience. Dwell in our presence now as we share food and fellowship. Help us to be always mindful of the Divine Source of all our blessings. Amen.



In Memoriam: Rotarian Martha Erickson passed away recently. She was born on May 13, 1921. Martha earned her BS and MS from Michigan State and Purdue University. She and her husband Rick settled in South Bend, Indiana where Rick practiced Pediatrics. Martha formed an auxiliary at Northern Indiana Children's Hospital and helped establish a School for Practical Nurses.

She co-organized the St. Joseph County Scholarship Foundation, and a Planned Parenthood chapter. Martha became involved with the Head Start program in her county and rose to become Director of the Region. She was an adjunct professor of nutrition at Indiana University-South Bend and owner of a Nutrition Counseling company. Martha wrote Eat for the Health of It (1997). Rick and Martha moved to Bonita Springs in 1990. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs, The Rotary Club of Bonita Springs, the Junior League of Northern Indiana and First Presbyterian Church of South Bend.



Brenda Brooks, Executive Director of CREW, informed us that CREW is a very large and complex project. CREW stands for Corkscrew Regional Ecosystem Watershed, established in 1989 with 60,000 acres. The objective of CREW is to preserve and protect that watershed through education and land acquisition - no Government agency could have come together to purchase this land that spans from Lee to Collier, from Corkscrew to Immokalee. There are 5 miles of hiking and biking trails, primitive camping, geocaching, and educational programs.

This week's program:

Nancy Humbert, Exec. VP of Ambulatory Services, External Affiliations, Nicklaus Children's Hospital, with Julie Pedretti, Area Director of Community Relations.

Song: "The Yellow Rose of Texas"

*There's a yellow rose in Texas
that I am gonna see
Nobody else could miss her
not half as much as me
She cried so when I left her
it was like it broke her heart
And if I ever find her
we never more will part
She's the sweetest little rose bud
that Texas ever knew
Her eyes are bright as diamonds
they sparkle like the dew
You may talk about your Clementine
and sing of Rosa Lee
But the yellow rose of Texas
is the only girl for me.*



Dale is happy to be 4 weeks cigarette free, Billy is surprised by something, and Jim had an update on the political state of Sweden!



The Club's Inaugural Social at The Trianon.



Planting trees with Habitat for Humanity.



50/50
No drawing this week!
The pot is now \$500

Upcoming Programs

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
October 10th, David Mance, Bonita Concert Band
October 17th, Rich Willett, Overcoming Polio
October 24th, Molly Schweers, Lee County Solid Waste
October 31st, Trish Leonard, Putting on a Winning Halloween Party.

Birthdays (Sept 9 - Sept 15)
None

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Notable Notes

5 Years ago

A few weeks ago, our District Governor introduced us to the **"Blue Bucket"** program. The program's idea is that of depositing spare change or bills) into the Bucket each meeting to support Alzheimer's Research (CART). **Sara McCallum** has generously volunteered to oversee this program. She spoke movingly about the need and importance of this program. So look for the Blue Bucket each week and thank you Sara for your initiative and your leadership.

10 Years ago Calling All Musicians

Sue Masters reminded us that the **Bonita Springs Concert Band** is being formed and is need of musicians. If you are interested, please see Sue for details. Additionally, mark your calendar for Sunday, November 23, 2:00 p.m. at Riverside Park. The Concert Band will offer its inaugural performance. More to follow.

La Prueba Quadruple

De la que se piensa, se dice a se hace

1. ¿Es la VERDAD?
2. ¿Es EQUITATIVO para todos los interesados?
3. ¿Crearé BUENA VOLUNTAD y MEJORES AMISTADES?
4. ¿Será BENEFICIOSO para todos los interesados?

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