

The Spoke

Week 17
October 24th, 2018

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President **Claudie Delgado** had the gavel. **Peter O'Flinn** presented the invocation; **Roger Brunswick** paraded the flag and led the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Sue Masters** recited the Four Way Test almost perfectly.

Claudie offered a *Rotary Minute* detailing the early days of Rotary starting in 1905.

She showed us a club banner from Brazil and read a thank you letter from last year's RYE student **Ana Lopes**. Ana is studying for the law school entrance exams and is helping with inbound RYE students in her home area.



Susan Schmitt wished us a "Merry Christmas" as she launched our annual Poinsettia Sale. She asked us to think about new clients and urged us to talk to them now. "Get ready for a great season".

Kae Moore is heading the Christmas Tree Sale this year. He asked us to sign up "early and often"

for shifts using the Mary Saunders scheduling app. **Dale Timple** will be in charge of tent setup Saturday, November 17th. Many hands will be needed. Past chairman **Scott Anderson** says "We are trying to figure out what works..selling more premium and larger trees." Kae reminded us, "This is a fundraiser for the community. All the money goes back to the community."

John Flammang is co-chair this year. He reports that there may well be a new building on our tent site next year. Any ideas for a future location?

Sergeant-at-Arms **Roger Brunswick** led the singing of Shine on Harvest Moon, introduced guests, and organized a belated Happy Birthday shout-out for Scott Anderson.

As a very special inducement to encourage Poinsettia sales, Roger offers a year's forgiveness from all fines for the member bringing the most orders next week. [there was derisive laughter].

This Week's Program:
Rich Willett,
Overcoming Polio

This Morning's Invocation

Good and gracious God, we are grateful for the autumn blessings garnered from the world of nature. In the familiar context of Rotarian fellowship we pray that beyond camaraderie and the details of Club business, we will gain a fresh awareness of the power we have to do good, to bring help and hope to those in need of those gifts.

In this month designated Economic and Community Development Month, we ask for assistance in maintaining the conviction that our vocational abilities are inherently divinely given and that we are called to use our vocations, not just for personal gain, but as a means of serving others in some way.

Thank you, God for life and all its blessings, for food prepared for us today, and for friendships we cherish. Amen.

Song:

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

He's got the whole world in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands

He's got everybody here in His hands
He's got you and me, brother, in His hands
He's got everybody here in His hands
He's got the whole world...
He's got the whole world in His hands

Lee County Solid Waste



Gary Price introduced our speaker **Molly Schweers**, Education and Outreach Coordinator for Lee County Solid Waste Department. Molly proclaims herself a “Trash Nerd”. She began her career in her native New Mexico as part of a municipal solid waste committee.

Molly explained that after leaving the curb side our trash is trucked to a Lee County industrial operation in Buckingham where recyclables are sorted and trash is burned to generate electricity. Burning reduces the volume by 90%. The ash is then trucked to a landfill in Hendry County. Two thirds of the plant area is dedicated to pollution control equipment. There have been no environ-

mental incidents at the plant in 24 years.

The processing facility is reaching its capacity as the County continues to grow. The next step will require an investment of \$400-500 million. Net costs of disposal will be increasing as more plant is required and selling prices of recyclables decline.

Dictionary Day



October 9th was Dictionary Day for Lee County third graders. In this photo, new Bonita Springs Elementary principal **Rob Cooper** is shown with a class of third graders celebrating their dictionaries.

YesterYear

5 Years ago

President **Bobbi Bird** announced a Rotary Social hosted by **Jim and Annie Renfro**. The social will take place at their Studio--please plan on attending and celebrating TGIF.

Scott Anderson briefed us on Christmas Tree sale activities. Flyers and sponsorship forms will be available at next week’s meeting. If you would like to help and serve on the Committee, please see Scott.

10 Years ago

It was good to see Rotary Regulars, **Ray Mansour, Frank Keck, Keith Merrill, Steve Hiatt** and **Harold Eames** in attendance. We also welcomed **Debra Quade**, guest of **Roger Brunswick, Holly Bacon**, guest of **Bobbi Bird, Jonathan Forbes** guest of **Guy Quinn** and **Susan Schmitt** guest of **Linda Ritzert**.

The **4-Way Test** of the things we think, say or do.

Is it the **TRUTH**?

Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?

Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?

Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?



50/50

Visitor **Rob Cooper** drew the 9♦ to win \$5. He donated the \$5 to the Blue Bucket.

\$500

Upcoming Programs

October 26th, **Social** with Bonita Naples and Pelican Bay Clubs. Boat ride at Bay Water Exclusive Boat Club. BYOB.

October 31st, **Trish Leonard**, Putting on a Winning Halloween Party.

November 1st, **Monthly Club Social**. Trianon Hotel. 6 pm. Snacks, Cash bar.

November 10th. Club’s 40th **Birthday Party**. Pig roast at Bonita Bay’s Estero Bay Park.

Birthdays (October 21 - October 27)

John Flammang Oct 21

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