

November 23 - December 17

Christmas Tree Sale

Look for our tent again located in the Sunshine Plaza (across from the post office) We have the best Fraser Firs, Noble Firs and Grand Firs. We have Premium Large trees from 4' to 11' tall!

We have the best trees in town!

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11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

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Dr. Wendy read the invocation, Roger led us in the Pledge and Joe Murgalo did the Four Way Test. Claudie did the Rotary Minute which was about giving thanks!

She then announced that the sign up sheet for the Christmas tree tent was going around and thanked the folks for coming out for the 400 trees that were delivered. Kae and John need more help and Kae suggested that Mary get mad and use foul language! Poinsettias will be delivered on Friday.

Claudie reminded us all of the Holiday Party at Don Manley's house on the 18th and Adam announced the Boat Parade on the 6th! Roger made another attempt to lead the group in a current song—perhaps we should go back to the oldies but goodies!



Chris Riesen gave us his Vocational Minute. Chris works for Inspired Closets. The brochure that Chris handed out had The Spoke Editor hearing Angels singing—the closets were so beautiful! Chris does beautiful built in units for the home, closets garages and more. They compete with 25 other closet companies in the area but Chris is the number 1 salesperson in the country. No one was surprised!

This Morning's Invocation

Good and gracious God, comfort and sustain members of our Club who are experiencing adversity of any kind. Use each of us as an agent of help and hope to our fellow Rotarians and to others who might benefit from our encouragement. Help all of us to realize that even out of adversities, blessings frequently come. As physical beings we appreciate the physical things of life but help us to be even more grateful for the spiritual realities which give meaning to all of life. For gifts of food and fellowship we offer thanks, but also for faith and hope. Grant us your consolation and peace. Amen.

Chris also announced that it was his task to come up with 3 more people to go on the board due to Kae, Gary, and Ray leaving. Chris asked, Eileen, Dr. Brad, Len and they accepted.



It was Roger's turn to collect happy/sad dollars and give birthday wishes. Tom Briers gave greetings from former president Steve. He also had a product that he wanted to auction off for the benefit of the cart fund. Kae was the lucky winner whether he wanted it or not!




There were no happy/sad dollars and one birthday with Dave who only wanted a shout out, so Roger had nothing more to do!!

Our speaker today, Jeremy Gentile served in the military for 12 years as a Marine in Iraq and Afghanistan. He has won too many medals to mention! Jeremy is now the Mission United Program Manager. The organization has served over 3,000 service personnel. When Jeremy first came to the area he didn't know where to go for certain resources. Many other veterans are in the same position., Mission United helps them navigate these services. They first ask if they've served—whether combat or otherwise. They ask their discharge status so they can point them in the right direction. Jeremy said if you remember one thing today, remember his phone number 211!



This week's program:
Steve Aronson
Bonita Bay Veterans' Council



Song—Jingle Bell Rock

Jingle bell, jingle bell, jingle bell rock
Jingle bells chime in jingle bell time
Dancing and prancing
in Jingle Bell Square
In the frosty air

What a bright time, it's the right time
To rock the night away
Jingle bell time is a swell time
To go gliding in a one-horse sleigh
Giddy-up jingle horse, pick up your feet
Jingle around the clock
Mix and a-mingle in the jingling feet

That's the jingle bell, that's the jingle bell,
That's the jingle bell rock!



Welcoming
Rotary
Regulars!



Nick Romano, President of
the Bonita Bay Veterans'
Council!



Can't pic-
ture Mary
using bad
language!



Stephanie and Jim en-
joying the meeting

We are re-instituting the *member vocational minute*. If you have a business or service that will benefit our club members, contact President Claudie. Each meeting, a pre-selected member will have the opportunity to speak to the club members for up to three minutes.



50/50
No winner!!
The pot is \$500

Upcoming Programs

Dec. 5, Chris Edwards- TriCore Wellness
Dec 9, Santa in the Sand, Lovers' Key
Dec 11 Rotaract Fundraiser, FGCU
Dec. 12, Deborah Voorhees-Welcome and
Discovery Center at Lovers Key State Park
Dec, 18, Holiday Party, Don Manley's house
Dec. 19, Sandra Hemstead-District Governor
Dec 26, no meeting
Jan 2, Website Tutorial
Birthdays (Nov 25 - Dec 1)
Richard Garner Nov 29

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Notable Notes

5 Years ago

President **Bobbi Bird** presided. She read a letter from Lynn Blake, widow of **Jack Blake** as an invocation. Visiting Rotarian **Steve Popper** led the Pledge of Allegiance; **Tom Briers** recited the 4-Way Test perfectly. **Dave Shellenbarger** reported he will be having knee surgery. Songleader **Ron Anderson** marshalled the famous **Rotary Chorale** for a stirring rendition of *Alouette*.

10 Years ago

President-elect **Nancy Ross** presided. **Doug Pratt** delivered the invocation. **Rex Sims** led the Pledge of Allegiance and **Gerry Myers** led the 4 Way Test. **Steve Krchniak**, directed a rousing rendition of *Sing Out A Song of Rot'ry*.

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?



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