



# The Spoke



Roger led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, Ron Anderson did the Four Way Test. Nancy Ross did her Vocational Minute, telling us the inspirational story of how she got started in life insurance 35 years ago.

Nancy still has several of her original customers. Her Rotary career is equally impressive. Dr. Steve made presentations for Student Teacher Month and started out by reporting that we are looking at many of the folks who will be Club Members in the Future. Dr. Steve introduced



Jorge from the new Bonita Springs High School, a Cuban immigrant, who is proud to have many of his former students become teachers themselves Jorge liked the Four Way Test so much that President Claudie presented him with it on a plaque! There were a few announcements including a reminder of the Club Social next week, December 6th, at The Trianon. Chris then reported on new board members, Eileen, Brad P, and Len Eckert. A motion was made and accepted!

## This Morning's Invocation

Dear God, as we pursue our commitments as Rotarians, help us not to be satisfied with mediocrity in what we do, nor with shallowness in what we are. In our culture where superficiality abounds, we pray for the will to demonstrate strong commitment to the rock solid values and virtues we espouse and embrace as persons and as a Club. Let our example to others be clear and compelling. We offer thanks for food prepared for our use, and for those who serve us. Let our table conversations be uplifting, and our concern for others genuine. May the time we spend here today be productive for the purposes to which we subscribe. Thank you for all the favors from Your Hand. Amen.

Marco read the Rotary Minute on the origins of the Rotaract Club! John Pittman discussed the Rotaract Club's upcoming fundraising project to build a school in Uganda. John is selling tickets to a dinner and silent auction with speakers discussing issues facing Ugandan students. Four Rotaracters will be traveling there in March. The fundraising

event is December 11th at FGCU. Tickets are \$25 each but they will take donations as well. The Club welcomed Rob Cooper to membership. Rob, proposed by Dr., Steve, is the principle of Bonita Springs elementary school. Roger had very little time to welcome guests and there were no Happy/Sad dollars or Song! Roger did remind everyone about poinsettias

and Christmas trees. Kae mentioned an upcoming delivery and said everything was going very well. We did sing Happy Birthday to Steve Aronson, our speaker. Steve is on the Board of the Bonita Bay Veterans Council. Steve began ROTC. After spending time in Fort Benning, GA, he spent time in Munich, Germany. He was promoted to Captain and then sent to Vietnam, where he was a military assistant to a South Vietnam Commander. He received combat infantry award,



a bronze star, and many other awards. Steve is a passionate supporter of our veterans, traveling to deliver checks and otherwise help where he is needed.

## This week's program:

Chris Edwards  
TriCore Wellness

## 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!



November 23 - December 17

# Christmas Tree Sale

Look for our tent again located in the Sunshine Plaza (Bonita Beach Rd) for the past 29 years!

We have the best Fraser Firs, Noble Pines and Grand Pines. We have Premium Large trees from 4' to 11' tall!

**Bonita Springs**

**We have the best trees in town!**

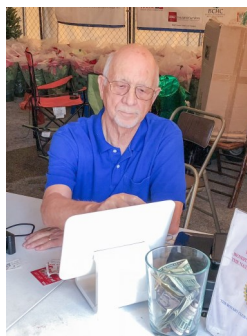
**SPOTLIGHT**

**Proceeds Benefit LOCAL CHARITIES**  
The Rotary Club of Bonita Springs Foundation contributes nearly \$100,000 to local and international charities, including...

- wasa United Way Support
- College Scholarship Program
- Sponsor FGCU Rotarian Club
- Sponsor Estero High School Interact Club
- Christmas Day Distribution to All Local Not-Graders
- I Love My Book Distribution to All Local Kindergarten Students

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## Christmas Tree Tent Fun and Fellowship.



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**  
**Frank Liles**  
**did not win!**  
**The pot is \$500**

### Upcoming Programs

Dec 6, Club Social, Trianon  
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

### Birthdays (Dec 2 - Dec 8)

**Carl Bals** Dec 2

**Brad Piotrowski** Dec 4

**Bob Andreasen (rr)** Dec

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## Notable Notes

### 5 Years ago

President **Bobbi Bird** presided. **Bob Lombardo** delivered the Invocation; **Drew Montez-Clark** led the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Scott Gerrish** recited the 4-Way Test. Fill-in song leader **Jim Dati** led us in singing *Amazing Grace*.

### 10 Years ago

We heard from **Dave Shellenbarger**, Chairman of our Foundation Trustees last meeting. Dave began his presentation by differentiating the national Foundation from the local one. TRF (or The Rotary Foundation) serves all Rotary Clubs. Our Foundation, by contrast, has a local mission and focus. Our Club Foundation receives funds from our Club, through fundraising and seeks to raise Club visibility within the community through its charitable efforts.

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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