



President **Claudie Delgado** was in charge. Past President **Tom Briers** presented the invocation; **Roger Brunswick** led the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Mark McCaw** read and said the Four Way Test. Roger led singing of Let Me Call You Sweetheart.

Next President **Chris Riesen** presented a *Rotary Minute* on Gift of Life. The GOL goal is to develop sustainable pediatric cardiac programs by implementing screening, surgical and training missions which are supported by autonomous Gift of Life programs, Rotary Global Grants, and generous donors from around the world. Our club has been an active GOL supporter.



Chuck Spears stepped forward for his *Vocational Minute*. Chuck retired from a manufacturing company and has become an operating partner with a private equity firm.

He showed us a video and products manufactured by the two manufacturers he is now involved with. Recently his firm raised \$400 million to buy companies, make them better, and eventually sell them.



Bobbi Bird took the mike to talk about the *10 Million Meal* challenge between Zone 33 and 34. Your participation in the

project can be multifaceted. It can range from packaging meals, to active participation with a local food bank in any number of avenues, or it could become a combination of a number of activities in the district, such as Cafe of Life. So keep track and report of any hours donated to anything to do with meals.

Adam Botana said the 23rd *Reverse Raffle* will be Saturday, May 4th (Kentucky Derby Day) at St. Leo's Hall. There will be a Derby theme, mint juleps, and the Derby on view. Chances will be \$130.

John Mathes reported the annual **CREW** Concert will be Saturday, February 16th, 5-9 pm. RCBS will have the beer concession. See John for tickets.

Sergeant-at-arms **Roger Brunswick** fined a scooter, introduced guests, and organized a birthday Shout-Out for **Gary Price**.



Steve McIntosh, long time supporter of public education, showed us his "**Bull Shark Man**" costume as he introduced our speaker **Jeff Estes**, Principal of Bonita Springs High School. Jeff was born and raised in the area, graduated from FGCU.

This Morning's Invocation

O God, we pray not only for ourselves today, but for all who are in need of Your gracious attention. comfort the sorrowing, give relief to the anxious, strength to the weary, and direction to the wandering.

Give moral strength and courage to young people faced with alluring temptations.

Grant wisdom to their counselors and parents in order that the youth of our communities might have a deeply-entrenched inner strength, from which comes good character and esteem.

Make effective the efforts of Rotarians around the world who work with youth.

Bless our own efforts in the service of others, and bless for our use the food and fellowship we enjoy.

Use us as willing instruments of Your will. Amen.

This Week's Program:

Officers

Estero High School Interact Club

Song: **This Land Is Your Land**

This land is your land,
This land is my land
From California to the New York Island,
From the Redwood Forest
To the Gulf Stream waters;
This land was made for you and me.

As I was walking that ribbon of highway
I saw above me that endless skyway;
I saw below me that golden valley
this land was made for you and me.

Jeff Estes



Principal Bonita
Springs High School

Jeff told us about the newly opened school that has NO BOOKS, NO LOCKERS, and no SCHOOL ZONE signs. The school now has 680 students, freshman and sophomores. The sophomores spent last year as freshman in portable classrooms at

Estero H.S.

Jeff showed us safety and security features designed into the campus. There is only one entrance to the school building and one car access route.

Among the features of the school are an auditorium where the seats can be stored to allow the space to be used for other activities.

At BSHS students can be enrolled in The FGCU Academy, Aerospace Technology Academy, Air Conditioning Academy:HVAC, or Academy of Health Professionals. Each of the



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Jeff Estes
drew the K ♦
to win \$5.

The 50/50 is still:
\$500

disciplines puts the students in an advanced position when graduating. The FGCU academy is the top tracker among the students.

Jeff says the community has really stepped forward to support the school. 2,000 people came out to watch the team's first JV football game. A group from Bonita Bay contributed \$150,000 for student activities and **Brad and Melissa Piotrowski** have taken the responsibility for organizing an athletic boosters program.

The kids take good care of their laptops which they use instead of paper books. Although the student population is 62% hispanic, the kids are fluent in English. There are fewer than 20 students in ESL programs.

In Lee County all students are eligible for free breakfast and lunch.

Jeff wants to have the school busy from 6 am to 10 pm. New Horizons will begin offering after school tutoring programs at the facility for elementary, middle, and high school kids and he is looking forward to having night school and adult education programs.

3 Years ago

Ron Anderson led singing of Let Me Call You Sweetheart, then he solo'd an unpublished verse "which is appropriate for old fahts like myself":

*Let me call you sweetheart, I forgot your name
You can call me darling, if you've done the same
When you lose your memory, it is such a shame
Let me call you sweetheart, I forgot your name.*

7 Years ago

Jon McLeod, closely watched by President **Jim O'leary**, picked the winners from the Super Bowl grids. **Jay Berube** won the \$10 grid for \$500. (Whether Jay or Jess had not been settled at press time. Ed.) **Don Manley** won \$1,000 on the \$20 grid. Don's winnings will go to the *Paddling for a Purpose* project.

Upcoming Programs

- Feb 20. Dr. Michael Martin, President, Florida Gulf Coast University
- Feb 28. Chris Patricca, Board Member, Lee County School District
- Mar 7. Club Social at the Trianon.

Birthdays (Feb 10-Feb 16)
Bobbi Bird Feb 14
George Cohan Feb 15

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The Four 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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