



Last Meeting

Gordon Costley (rr) entertained us with "music for breakfast." President **Claudie Delgado** presided. **Eileen Tasso** presented the invocation; **Roger Brunswick** led the *Pledge of Allegiance*; and **Scott Gerrish** read the Four Way Test perfectly.



PDG **Bobbi Bird** offered the *Rotary Minute* reporting on *The \$1,000,000 Dinner*, a challenge for The Rotary Foundation. District 6960 raised \$2.3 million in support of TRF.

Bob Lombardo reported that thanks to **John Mathes** the club realized \$1,956 from the CREW concert beer sales and share of the proceeds.

Rick Barber told us that he had taken **George Cohan's** dogs, Berta and Tebo, to visit George. "George is, I think, doing better. His cognitive skills are improving and he is having physical therapy and working hard."

Chris Riesen says the 2nd annual *Sunshine Ace Hardware Big Green EGGFest* will be Saturday, April 13th. Teams will compete for the ULTIMATE cooking machine, to demonstrate their prowess and test out secret recipes for the ultimate in bragging rights as the 2019 EGGhead Grill Master of the year in either the professional or amateur divisions. Tickets are \$20 with a cut for those we sell.

The first **EZ-Ca\$h** drawing will be March 27th. Please get your stubs and money in to Chris.

Sergeant-at-Arms **Roger Brunswick** collected a scooter fine, introduced guests, and organized piano accompaniment for the Happy Birthday singing.

Steve McIntosh thanked the club from all the children at Bonita Springs Elementary. The club has donated a new roof for the Tiki hut used to provide shade on the school playground.

Dave Langendorfer went north to attend his former club's annual auction. He raised \$4,000 from auctioning watches he brought back from a polio free celebration in India.



District Governor **Sandy Hemstead** introduced Visiting Rotarian **Chuck Howey** from Venice Sunrise. Sandy had met Chuck while working on a global grant for a water tower in St Lucia. She said "He has been extremely important to Rotary and our district. His largest project was in Ethiopia. It started as a clinic and now has grown to a hospital with 5 buildings financed by Chuck."

Chuck has maintained a perfect attendance record at Rotary for 56 years. He has been a Rotarian since 1960 and was inducted into the *Arch C. Klumph* Gallery in 2004. Chuck, his wife Dee, and their children are a family highly dedicated to

This Morning's Invocation

Almighty God, as we gather for yet another weekly opportunity to renew our fellowship and reaffirm our principles and purpose as Rotarians, we are grateful for the gift of repetition, for returning to a familiar place, conversing again with friends and colleagues we have greeted numerous times before.

With hope represented in Spring, help us to be reenergized and recommitted to visions of service not yet rendered, goals not yet attained, and fires of faith not yet kindled.

Hear our prayer of thanksgiving for food and fellowship, by which we are energized and strengthened for recurring opportunities to serve others. Amen.

This Week's Program:

**March 13, Doug Pratt -
"Inspirational Stories Come to Bonita"**

Song: **When Irish Eyes Are Smiling**

When Irish Eyes are Smiling
sure it's like a morn in spring
In the lilt of Irish laughter
you can hear the angels sing

When Irish hearts are happy
all the world seems bright and gay
but when Irish eyes are smiling
sure they'll steal your heart away

Jim Horein introduced our speaker **Warren Pfohl**, saying “Warren and Brenda Pfohl have dedicated their lives to reaching out and helping people.” Warren started as a minister of a church in upstate New York and spent 6 years as a missionary in Poland before returning to New York State.



Warren and Brenda Pfohl started **David's Refuge** in honor of their son David, who was born November 2, 1988. He was a typical, healthy,

happy little guy who lived life to the fullest.

In late February 1997, two months after the Pfohl family returned from living overseas in Poland, David began to have difficulty seeing. Within a matter of weeks he lost all of his central vision and some of his peripheral. David was diagnosed with an untreatable, progressive, fatal illness. He passed away 13 years later.

From their own parenting struggles, Warren and Brenda recognized the need to provide respite, resources and support to parents and guardians of children with special needs or life threatening medical conditions. Parenting can be a difficult journey under any circumstances, but it's especially challenging for those who provide full-time care to children with special needs.

With David's Refuge these parents rest, reflect and renew where respite and community reminds them that they are not alone, the care they give matters, and they are loved by God and this community.



John Flammang
drew the 9 ♣
to win \$5.
The 50/50 is still:
\$500

Upcoming Programs

- March 20, Rotary Regular Day - Andy Frech - "Someone said I would not be here"
- March 27, Billy Birch - "I'm a successful musician in spite of myself".
- March 27, First EZ Cash Drawing
- April 4, Monthly Club Social, Trianon Lounge
- April 13, Green Egg Fundraiser, Riverside Park.
- May 4, Annual Reverse Raffle, St Leo's
- May 9-11, District Conference. Westin Cape Coral.

Birthdays (Mar 10-Mar 16)
None

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3 Years ago

The Zonta Club of Bonita Springs has named **Teri Lamaine**, wife of member **Dale Timple**, as Woman of the Year. In addition, members **Gary Price** and **Rex Sims** have been named this year's Hometown Heroes.

George Cohan started his monologue telling us that **Chris Riesen** is the second hardest working guy in the club. "He's right behind me everywhere I go...selling closets while I'm picking up dog poop."

7 Years ago

President **Jim O'Leary** presided. **Ken King** reported that member **Gene Hoyt** is out of the hospital and is on the road to recovery. **Jason Dolle** announced he and his wife are expecting a son in August.

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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