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The Rotary Club of Bonita Springs
Chartered November 3, 1978



**Meets every Wednesday at 7:30 am
at Bonita Bay Club**

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District 6960 Club 4305
Breakfast—7:15 a.m.



March 20, 2019
Call to Order—7:30 a.m.

Last Week

Next President **Chris Riesen** presided. **Vince Modarelli** offered the invocation; **Roger Brunswick** led the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Ray Faubion** recited the Four Way Test flawlessly.

Roger Brunswick, summoned the **Irish Glee Club** to sing "*When Irish Eyes are Smiling*". They got the "hook" after 3 lines.

Two New Members

Ken Lahey Classification CEO Retired. Ken is a transferring Rotarian. He is Past President of the Grand Haven, MI Rotary Club. Ken was CEO of Erdman Machine Co, Whitehall, MI. The company provides high tech, high quality tooling and machining services, specializing in EDM (Electrical Discharge Machining) and CBN (Cubic Boron Nitride) Grinding of super-alloy materials for aerospace, automotive, and medical applications.

Jim Menton Classification Business Broker. and was sponsored by Bob Lombardo. Jim is at American Business Brokers. He says, "After spending the better part of a year here in South West Florida (Naples) doing a bit of consulting, I am starting a new chapter in my life as a Florida Licensed Business Broker and Acquisition Intermediary assisting buyers

and sellers of private businesses through their transition. I have decided to do something that I truly enjoy...helping people find the American dream, owning their own business or selling their business."

Announcements

Brad Piotrowski came forward to announce the second annual golf outing on May 11th sponsored by the Bonita High Boosters Club. This will be a scramble, lunch, and raffles. A real good time. Contact Brad if you are interested in sponsoring and/or playing.

Treasurer **Joe Murgalo** is trying to automate the collection of dues. Naturally, there have been many questions. Joe says, "I will be accepting complaints on the second Tuesday each week." Joe will bring his laptop and accept credit card numbers at next meeting.

Dave Shellenbarger reported that he and **Jim Horein** would be in charge of poinsettia sales this year. He urged members to be working on businesses and organization who would need multiple plants for their business places and lobbies. Dave says, "This is the easiest thing you're going to do for Rotary..easier than selling tickets."

DG **Sandy Hemstead** says she and **Wayne** will host a Rotary Youth Exchange Student from Tanzania this year.

Roger Brunswick acted as Sergeant-at-Arms. He fined scooters, introduced guests, and accepted Happy/Sad\$.

Last Week Speaker

Jim Horein came forward to introduce our speaker **Doug Pratt**. Jim says "everyone has a story...and the story can be inspirational. [Doug] is a man who has inspired many lives...he has been a total life changing inspiration for me. He is my favorite story teller."

Doug is the Senior Pastor at the First Presbyterian Church. Before coming to Bonita Springs he had been Senior Pastor in Wichita, KS and Pittsburg, PA. He was a member of the club in the early 2000's.

Since Doug arrived there have been more than 60 speakers at FPC telling interesting, inspiring stories about their faith and their journey to faith. He related the stories of Darryl Strawberry and Dr Mary Neal.

The next speaker in this Bonita Christian Forum series will be Stephen Baldwin on March 19th.

Down Through the Years

3 Years ago

President **Tom Briers** presided. Week 38. **Mark Generales** presented the invocation; **George Cohan** led the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Tom Burgess** recited the Four Way Test flawlessly.

Song leader **Ron O'Anderson** mustered the Irish and near-Irish to the front to help in signing *When Irish Eyes Are Smiling*.

7 Years ago

George Cohan began by praising his team members at the Reverse Raffle.

Bobbi Bird did lots of things including helping the bar tenders when they were overwhelmed at the beginning of the evening; **Stephanie Kissenger** made an emergency booze run to save the evening; **Dave Langendorfer** (rr) pulled the numbers from the drum and kept up the pace of the drawing; and **Don** and **Karen Manley**, who hosted sumptuous committee meetings, did the decorations, and ran the "side boards".

Rotary Regulars

In September 2000, club president **Diane Lepola** sent this invitation to some winter visitors:

"Every season you are part of a cadre of loyal visiting Rotarians—men and women—who attend our meetings regularly and participate in club functions such as Christmas Tree sales, the Mardi Gras Auction, Reverse Raffle, social events, etc. You are, indeed, a significant asset to our club and our work.

"As a recognition of your involvement and to encourage your continued participation we invite you to become a 'Rotary Regular.'"

There were 13 "Charter Members". By 2003 there were 52 members from 18 states and provinces. The number of rr's has dwindled in recent years as Rotary has not continued to emphasize attendance and the need for makeups has decreased.

This Morning's Invocation

Sovereign God, having come to these tables to add yet another experience of Rotary fellowship to the adventure of life, we give thanks for the opportunity to be adventurers in our respective fields of endeavor.

Give us the courage and will to employ the Four Way Test in decisionmaking and in relationships.

Help us to know the difference between selfish exploitation of human and physical resources, and the exploration of ways to be good stewards of all things.

We thank you for food to sustain us, fellowship to enrich us, and ideas to inspire us. Be present with us a a silent guest at our tables, and give us your blessings. Amen.

Song: You are my Sunshine

You are my sunshine, my only sunshine
You make me happy when skies are gray
You'll never know dear, how much I love you
Please don't take my sunshine away

The other night dear, as I lay sleeping
I dreamed I held you in my arms
But when I awoke, dear, I was mistaken
So I hung my head and I cried.

You are my sunshine, my only sunshine
You make me happy when skies are gray
You'll never know dear, how much I love you
Please don't take my sunshine away



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That's Bobbi Bird hiding
behind the 7♣

The 50/50 is

\$500

Happy Birthday

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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".

April 13, Green Egg Fundraiser, Riverside
Park.

May 4, Annual Reverse Raffle, St Leo's.

May 9-11, District Conference. Westin Cape
Coral.

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