



The Spoke



Mark Generales read the Invocation, Roger led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Morgan led us in the Four Way Test. Roger led us in the song, God Bless American, after commenting that it is the same song as last week! The members did an excellent job—see, practice makes perfect.

Sandy reminded all of the upcoming District Conference at The Westin in Cape Coral, May 9—11, with more than 45 speakers on topics ranging from education and literacy to hunger in Southwest Florida. The 1st Gift of Life child will be there and as well as a clean water expert from Peru. Friday night is a Country and Western Theme—bring your boots. Bobbi had her boots on already!

Chris' installation is June 22nd at Barefoot Beach Club. A lot of awards will be given out!



Roger welcomed our guests including Julie Pedretti and someone who looked like a guest but it was Morgan!! Welcome back, Morgan.



Vince Modarelli was happy that his Rotary Sponsor, Steve Agius was the speaker. He was also happy that there would be 3 new Habitat for Humanity homeowners.

Sara had a sad dollar that there were no dollars in the Blue Buckets last week! Roger asked everyone to make sure they put some in this week.

This Morning's Invocation

God, we gather once again as men and women committed to the values espoused by Rotarians everywhere, values and virtues desperately needing to be infused in our culture. We believe the qualities which characterize Rotarianism at its best have their origin in Your will and purpose. We pray, therefore, for divine assistance as we seek to so integrate them into our social, business and professional structures, that they become the accepted basis for behavior. Bless now the food provided for our use and enjoyment, and use the congeniality of our fellowship as a winsome witness to the quality of our togetherness. Accept our gratitude for all gifts and challenges which come from Your hand. Amen.



Jim Horein had a lot to say starting with what a great job Roger did as the Song Leader. Jim also has bad news that he was out of 'Totally Naked' but he still had 3 beers for Chris to taste test.



The birthday trio of Lexi, Mary, and John were all seranaded !



Our speaker, Steve Agius, was introduced and talked about The Gift Of Live, a program begun in the 70s, which offers heart surgery for disadvantaged children who could otherwise not afford the procedure. The Rotary Club of Bonita has been active by sponsoring 5 children over the years.



The biggest difference is the program now is that surgeries can be performed without bringing children on the grueling trip to the US and by training local doctors and providing surgery centers.

This week's program:

Chris Patricca, Supreme Court



Song: God Bless America

God bless America, land that I love.
Stand beside her and guide her
Through the night
With the light from above.

From the mountains
To the prairies
To the oceans, white with foam,

God bless America,
My home sweet home.
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My home sweet home.

Rotary Social at Trianon



Notable Notes

3 Years ago

President **Tom Briers**, presented Honorary Paul Harris Fellow Awards to Corporal **Bobbie Hunter** and Deputies **Krysten Ridenour** and **Sarah Breton**. They were honored for “Service above and beyond the call of duty” on March 21, 2016 when they rescued a man from a submerged car and administered CPR saving the man’s life. Tom thanked the deputies, “for your bravery and service to the community”.

7 Years ago

Sandy Scoggins reported on the various activities surrounding the *Relay for Life* event which occurred this past weekend. Our Club has actively supported this initiative and Sandy acknowledged **Jon McLeod** (who spearheaded our “alternative fund raising strategy which raised \$2500) and President **Jim O’Leary**, presenting them with Relay T-Shirts

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?



50/50

The pot is
amazingly—still
at \$500

Upcoming Programs

April 24, Ted L. Brown, Climate Change for Skeptics

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

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

June 22, Annual Installation Banquet, Barefoot Beach Country Club

Birthdays (Apr 14—Apr 20)

Brian Olitsky, Apr 15

Rob Cooper, Apr 19

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