April 3, 2019 Week 37



The Spoke



The Club had it's first EZ Money Drawing—Dr. Wendy was the grand prize winner!

Bobbi Bird did the invocation, Roger led us in The Pledge of Allegiance and Don Thompson did the Four Way Test.

Dr. Steve honored our students and teachers of the month!



This Morning's Invocation

Almighty God, we thank you for life and all its components, both good and adverse, because through both we are strengthened. We ask for wisdom and strength not our own in order to make our citizenship and our professional endeavors worthy examples of life lived with integrity and compassion. We intercede for members of this and other clubs who are experiencing adversity of any kind. Sustain them by your grace and power. May they be uplifted and encouraged by the support of their colleagues and friends. We offer thanks for the food and purposeful fellowship received here. We are grateful for the happy privilege of just being here. Amen



Jamie Leinhardt, former President and current Member of The Rotary Club of Estero was a guest at the meeting.



Jim Horein introduced his friend and this week's speaker.



Billy Birch, of Billy Dean and Dawn, delighted the Club with his story of the road to success, from cigarette smoke filled rooms with empty pizza boxes, to entertaining at top Clubs and Resorts

This week's program:

Peter O'Flinn, "Where your property taxes go....you may be surprised"



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. God bless America, My home sweet home.

Roger's Corner



Roger welcomed our guests and heard announcements from members like Sara McCallum.



Roger also had a chance to give Bill Banfield a little good natured ribbing for not wearing his Rotary pin in a recent news article!





50/50

The pot is \$500



Upcoming Programs

April 10, Steve Agius, Gift of Life April 13, Green Egg Fundraiser, Riverside Park.

April 17, Chris Patricca, Supreme Court 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. May 9-11, District Conference, Westin Cape Coral.

<u>Birthdays</u> (Mar 31-Apr 6) Jason Dolle Mar 31

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Notable Notes

2 Years ago

Next President Jon McLeod convened the meeting. Jim Horein eschewed the "corporate invocation" and offered his inspirational moment. The "Heavy from Youngstown" aka Vince Modarelli led the Pledge of Allegiance and Joe Murgalo was too far away to read the Four Way Test successfully. Song Leader Wayne Hemstead led us in Happy Trails and dedicated it to the Rotary Regulars who are returning to their northern home.

7 Years ago

Sgt-at-Arms **George Cohan** declared that **Stephanie** [Kissinger] would be known as the "Hugging President". George extracted \$82 birthday money from **Bob Lorenz** then conducted a sing-off between the Over 80 Chorus and the Under 40 Voices. The Over 80's were clear winners.

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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