Last Week Meeting

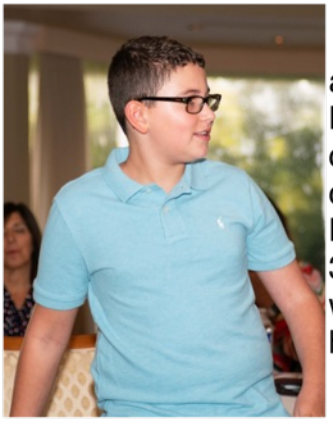
President **Chris Riesen** was at the controls. **Sara McCallum** presented the invocation; **Dave Langendorfer** led the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Jim Dati** recited the Four Way Test flawlessly.

New member,**Jim Burger** and **Carl Nickel** were the early morning greeters for our Wednesday meeting. It's great to have friendly faces manning the check-in desk.

Bill Banfield came forward with **Carl Nickel**. Bill praised Carl with his Paul Harris Fellow + 8 award, saying "Thank you, Carl, for using your time, talent and treasure to enhance the lives of others."

Scott Gregory of the Rotary Club of Fort Myers South came forward to invite members to attend the ***2019 Law and Order Ball***, September 14th at Germain Arena. This is an opportunity to thank the everyday heroes of our Lee County law enforcement agencies who keep us safe and allow us to thrive as a community. The evening will include an award presented for the "Officer of the Year" given to one special hero. More information at:
http://www.lawandorderball.org

John Spear was in attendance again. The location of the next directors' meeting will be at Don Thomson's office, Henderson Franklin, instead of Spear's office. John said "You all are welcome to have your directors' meeting at the old office, but unfortunately all the chairs will be at the new office."



Sergeant-at-arms **Roger Brunswick** introduced guests including **Brayden Eldridge** a rising 3rd grader who was attending with his dad.

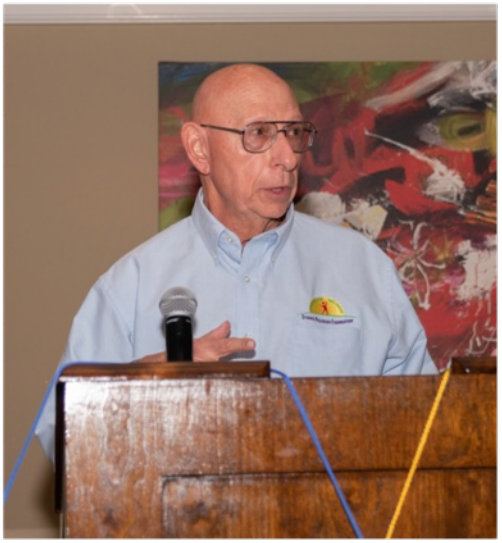
Bobbie Bird had two announcements. First, she is recovering her voice. Second, Charity Navigator has ranked The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International as **first** among the **10 Best Charities Everyone's Heard Of.** Charity Navigator noted that these organization have become household names in part because of their exceptional financial management, no easy feat considering the scope and size of their operations. Charitable givers should feel confident that these national institutions put their donations to good use.

Roger organized a Happy Birthday singing for **Wendy Arsenault** and **Steve Krchniak**. Wendy will soon be getting an AARP card. She said, "I'm enjoying my 40's for another hour and 45 minutes."

Sandy Hemstead, in charge of social media for the club, asks that everyone check in to club meetings on the club Facebook page with a favorable comment.

Last Week Program

Bob Lombardo introduced our speaker **Bob Mandell**, Director of the Spoke Recovery Foundation, a stroke survivor, and author of the book *Stroke Victor*.



Bob Lombardo had purchased a copy of the book for **George Cohan**. George read the book cover to cover and said he particularly liked the section on sex after a stroke.

Bob Mandell suffered a stroke at age 53. Initially he was unable to speak and was incontinent. He worked with 4-5 hours of therapy a day for more than 2 years. Now he devotes his life to helping stroke victims and helping people prevent strokes through the work of his foundation.

The mission of the foundation is to help achieve YOUR stroke success:

Success in preventing a stroke – professionals say 80% of strokes are preventable;

Success in recognizing the signs and symptoms of stroke so that you can respond both rapidly and smartly;

And should you suffer a stroke, success maximizing your recovery to create an independent and fulfilling "New Life".

From: The Spoke archives:

3 Years ago

The "nice guy" **George Cohan** showed up to be Sergeant-at- arms. "You were late?..It's just plain nice to have you here. No fine." There was considerable grumbling among the assembled throng at the lack of fining. George promised, "I'll get testier as we get into college football season."

George gave us a little algebra problem before celebrating **Carrie Reynolds** birthday. It seems that she is one year younger than George was in 1983 when he joined the club. How old is she? He then organized a men-only Happy Birthday serenade to "*Dear Lovely Carrie*."

Aug 21:	Karen Watson Executive Director Our Mother's Home.
Aug 28:	Julie Pedretti, Nicklaus Children's Hospital
Sep 4:	Dr. Gregory Adkins, Lee County Schools Superintendent
Sep 5:	Club Social, Trianon Hotel. 6 pm
Sep 11:	Carolyn Gallagher, speaker arranged by Steven Slachta to talk about her experience in DC during the 9/11 terrorist attack
Sep 18:	Tommy Doyle, Lee County Supervisor of Elections

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That's Rex Sims hiding behind the 2 ♣ for $5

The 50/50 $1,800±

This Week
Amy Garrard Esq.,
"Bullying"

Birthdays

Nancy Ross Aug 12
Dale Timple Aug 16

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Song: I Left My Heart in SFO

The loveliness of Paris
seems somehow sadly gray
The glory that was Rome is of another day
I've been terribly alone and
forgotten in Manhattan
I'm going home to my city by the Bay –

I left my heart in San Francisco
High on a hill, it calls to me
To be where little cable cars climb
halfway to the stars
The morning fog may chill the air - I don't care

My love waits there in San Francisco
Above the blue and windy sea
When I come home to you, San Francisco
Your golden sun will shine for me!

This Morning's Invocation

O God, we come humbly into your presence by this avenue of prayer, expressing both our gratitude for gifts received, and our yearnings to be used as gifts to others.

To that end, grant us visions of service yet un- rendered, an awareness of goals yet unattained and hopes yet unrealized.

Give us zeal and power to bring to reality the good and worthy things waiting to be done, and confirm our efforts by your assistance without which we labor in vain.

Strengthen us now by food prepared and enjoyed.

Enlighten us through productive conversations, and go with us as we return to waiting opportunities to make the day better for others. Amen.