



The Spoke



Charlie Johnson read the invocation, Gerry Meyers led us in The Pledge of Allegiance, and Mark McCaw did the Four Way Test.



Our newest member Matthew Engblom gave us a look into his background as a personal banker because there were too many lawyers in the market!

Bob Lombardo announced Pints for Polio, Thursday, October 24th, Bone Hook Brewing Company, 1514 Immokalee Rd, Naples, 34110, 5 – 9 pm, \$5 and \$7 appetizers, brewery tours will be available for a \$10 donation.



Claudie announced that we have met and exceeded our goal for our Wheel-chair Trip, the 1st week of March, 2020. More info to follow. There will be a check presentation next week—don't miss it!



Jim Dati helped to lead our song, New York, New York, even though he didn't have any great musical terms or the history that Mark G. typically provides.

Roger started his gig by giving a happy dollar for his first great—grandchild who arrived a little early!

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 unrendered, 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.



Sarah had a happy dollar for leaving on a 4 week vacation to go to her 50th high school reunion!

Rob Cooper, Principle of the Bonita Springs Elementary School, has invited the Club to a school tour after the Wednesday meeting, starting around 9 am.



Karen Watson Executive Director, Our Mother's Home, discussed the organization's work in supporting young women in need.



This week's program:

Julie Pedretti
Nicklaus Children's Hospital

Song: California Girls – Beach Boys

Well East coast girls are hip
I really dig those styles they wear
And the Southern girls with the way they talk
They knock me out when I'm down there

The Mid-West farmer's daughters really make you feel
alright

And the Northern girls with the way they kiss
They keep their boyfriends warm at night

I wish they all could be California
I wish they all could be California
I wish they all could be California girls

The West coast has the sunshine
And the girls all get so tanned
I dig a French bikini on Hawaii island dolls
By a palm tree in the sand

I been all around this great big world
And I've seen all kinds of girls
Yeah, but I couldn't wait to get back in the States
Back to the cutest girls in the world



Roger's Corner

Dr. Steve McIntosh provided an update on our Club's involvement in supporting public education from a reading program for kindergartners to the FGCU Rotaract Club. Last week the Estero High School Interact Club had its annual organizational meeting. President Brian Robinson and Vice President Nate Obrachta, both juniors, outlined goals for the year. In their presentation they mentioned that Dr. Steve McIntosh founded the club in 1997. Mrs. Jayne Klinker begins her 17th year as EHS teacher sponsor. Last year, the club had 70 members on its rolls and logged 1,000 hours of community

Club Foundation News:

Funding approved by the clubs foundation trustees at the 6/17/2019 meeting:
\$1,000—Summer camp scholarships for Bonita Springs scouts
\$1,000—Harry Chapin Food Bank Truck – matched with district funds
\$15,000—College scholarships to 11 Estero High School students
\$9,000—for 6, \$1,500 scholarships for FGCU students returning to FGCU



50/50

The pot is \$1800!



Upcoming Programs

Sep 4: Dr. Gregory Adkins, Lee County Schools Superintendent
Sep 5: Club Social, Trianon Hotel. 6 pm
Sep 11: Carolyn Gallagher, bout her experience in DC during the 9/11 terrorist attack
Sep 18: Tommy Doyle, Lee County Supervisor of Elections
Sep 25: Teri Lamaine, CEO Bonita Springs Assistance Office

Birthdays (Aug 25-Aug 31)

Joe Murgalo Aug 27

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Notable Notes

3 Years ago, Steven Slachta introduced our speaker **Giancarlo Tasso** (GT). He has recently moved to Bonita Bay after spending 10 years in Brazil as an ex-pat executive with responsibilities for companies South American operations. GT came to the U.S. first in 1975 as a Rotary Youth Exchange kid from Brazil, a guest of a Columbus, Ohio club. He has wonderful memories of his year, including a bus trip of over 7,000 miles. "I think we visited more states than most U.S. citizens have seen."

7 Years ago, Member Spotlight Peter O'Flinn, After graduation Peter pursued two avocations— Morgan Stanley in the summer and Vail Resorts teaching skiing in the winter. Teaching had a positive impact on him, suggesting how much of an impact parents have on their children. It was also during his teaching days that he met Katie who would become his wife. Peter went on to close real estate deals for the largest title company in Colorado, manage a crew of about thirty technicians at the family-owned cleaning & restoration company and work at the Vail Daily Newspaper, a free daily paper founded over 30 years.

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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