



# The Spoke



The Ft. Myers High School Choir serenaded us with our National Anthem.



Eileen read the Invocation, Ron led us in The Pledge of Allegiance and the Estero Interact Club did The Four Way Test.



Duke was inducted as a new member of The Rotary Club of Bonita Springs!

President Chris announced the beginning of the second annual EZCASH fundraiser. Wendy has tickets for everyone, but it is not a requirement to sell these tickets.

Dr. Steve introduced the Interact Club of Estero High School. There is an 'Olitsky' in the mix! They gave us a glimpse of their service project for the year.

We had an update on our Poinsettia sales, which appear to be going very well, with total sales over \$8,000! Farmers Market participation seems to be the key!! John Flammang reported on successful Christmas tree sales! Kae Moore and Gary Price were recognized.

Sara reminded us all of the upcoming Santa on the Sand with a current Rotary Club President filling in as Santa! Who could it be?!



### This Morning's Invocation

Dear God, as we pursue our commitments as Rotarians, help us not to be satisfied with mediocrity in what we do, nor with shallowness in what we are. In our culture where superficiality abounds, we pray for the will to demonstrate strong commitment to the rock solid values and virtues we espouse and embrace as persons and as a Club. Let our example to others be clear and compelling. We offer thanks for food prepared for our use, and for those who serve us. Let our table conversations be uplifting, and our concern for others genuine. May the time we spend here today be productive for the purposes to which we subscribe. Thank you for all the favors from Your Hand. Amen.



Roger said there would be no Happy/Sad Dollars today, but we were all happy to have the Ft. Myers High School Choir sing Holiday tunes!

We wished all birthday boys and girls a Happy Birthday, but especially Bob Landy on his 80th! It was Carl's birthday, too!



Jim Fitzpatrick introduced Gloria Ramsey, who is the head of the Rotokids program at Bonita Springs Middle School.



It is that time already?! Getting ready for the big event!

### This week's program:

Drew Nicoletto - Crisis Aid International

Song: Jingle Bells

Dashing through the snow  
In a one-horse open sleigh  
O'er the fields we go  
Laughing all the way  
Bells on bobtails ring  
Making spirits bright  
What fun it is to ride and sing  
A sleighing song tonight

[Chorus]

Jingle bells, jingle bells  
Jingle all the way  
Oh, what fun it is to ride  
In a one-horse open sleigh, hey  
Jingle bells, jingle bells  
Jingle all the way  
Oh, what fun it is to ride  
In a one-horse open sleigh



Five of our Estero High School Interact Club members traveled to the Ronald MacDonald House and prepared dinner for the families of patients staying there.



Pictured with Ronald: Jared Olitsky, Logan Brinkworth, Tony Boshnjaku, Dejnitia Dedjar, Dejui Coku.

**Rotary Foundation**

Our club foundation recently approved and paid:  
 \$ 5,000 TRF Share Fund, Gift of Life Uganda  
 \$ 2,000 Holidays Without Hunger, Meals of Hope  
 \$ 500 Ft Myers HS Choir, Trip to DC  
 \$ 375 Stockings 4 Kids  
 \$ 300 Friends, Lovers Key, Santain the Sand  
 \$ 8,175



**50/50  
The pot is \$500!**

**Upcoming Programs**

Nov 29—Dec 15, Christmas Tree Sales  
 Dec 14, Holidays Without Hunger  
 Dec 17th, Christmas Party, Don Manley's  
 Dec 18, Vanessa Santiago, Lee Country Jr. Achievement  
 Jan 15th, 2020, National Immunization Day  
 March 6—8, Wheelchair Mission Trip, Nassau  
**May 16th, 2020, Club Installation**

**Birthdays (Dec 8-Dec 14)**

John Mathes (not Adams), Dec 10  
 Sandra Hemstead, Dec 11

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**Notable Notes**

**3 Years ago**

President **Steven Slachta** "Oops, I left The Spokes in the car" **Slachta** belled the meeting to order. **John Flammang** presented the invocation; **Roger Brunswick** led the Pledge of Allegiance; and **John Mathes** recited the Four Way Test flawlessly.

**12 Years Ago**

**Shots for Tots, Dave and Betty Edwards, Ira Hawk and Marjorie Rubacky** helped with the immunizations of children in 31 families this month. We are fast approaching a total of 12,000 immunizations, since this important project was started.

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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