January 8, 2020 Week 28



The Spoke





President Chris announced that we would not be meeting for the next few weeks but that our first Thursday would be on January 2

and hosted by Sara McCallum. Also, January 8 will be our Club Assembly.



Mark led our song, the last of the Christmas season!

Bob Lombardo announced that for the past 6 years he has collected the club mail but he had to share a recent letter from "Barbara" who said she decided to donate to our club based on our Christmas tree tent ad in The Spotlight magazine that highlighted the charities we support.

Roger started by congratulating the Manleys for a superb Holiday Party. Roger also mentioned that every time he went by the Tree Tent he would see Manley and Kae Moore!



Roger welcomed visitors, which included a flag exchange and an invitation from Roger to become a Rotary Regular.

This Morning's Invocation

Loving and Gracious God, as the new year stretches before us, help us not to have sighs of remorse for things undone. As the months unfold, we shall be grateful for every new hour brought to birth for our use. Inspire and strengthen us to make worthy use of the precious time entrusted to us. Help us to discharge our duties with diligence and to seize every opportunity with eagerness to serve. In this Rotary Awareness Month, help us to be constantly aware of the blessings You have bestowed upon the far- flung enterprise in which we are privileged to be engaged. Be with us now as we enjoy the blessings of food and fellowship in the spirit of togetherness which binds us together in our common cause. Thank you for calling us to be servants. Amen.







We recognized our birthday boys and girl!
One of the birthday boys was born in 1920!!

Vanessa Santiago, Lee Country Jr. Achievement, a 100 year old organization that works within our schools, giving students knowledge and skills to



own their economic choices. As Vanessa described, Junior Achievement gives students the basis for a successful future and empowers them to stay on the right course of future success.

This week's program:

Club Assembly

The Beatles - In My Life Lyrics

from album: Rubber Soul (1965)

There are places I remember
All my life, though some have changed
Some forever not for better
Some have gone and some remain
All these places have their moments
With lovers and friends I still can recall
Some are dead and some are living
In my life I've loved them all

But of all these friends and lovers
There is no one compares with you
And these memories lose their meaning
When I think of love as something new
Though I know I'll never lose affection
For people and things that went before
I know I'll often stop and think about them
In my life I love you more

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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 \$550!

Upcoming Programs

Jan 15, Rotary Youth Exchange

Jan 15th, 2020, National Immunization Day

Jan 22, Erik Elsea

Jan 29, Steve Agius, Wheelchair Project

March 6—8, Wheelchair Mission Trip, Nassau

May 16th, 2020, Club Installation

Birthdays (Dec 28-Jan 11)

Andy Frech (rr), Dec 28
Bob Langhans (rr), Dec 29
Hal Cooper, Jan 3
Ron Anderson, Jan 8

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Notable Notes

3 Years ago

Roger Brunswick conducted an "applause meter" contest to find the best "ugliest" Christmas clothing. Jim Horein's tie was the clear winner much to the dis- appointment of runner-up Donna Marcotte. Roger was unsuccessful in ignoring Birthday Boys Vince Modarelli and Scott Gerrish. After hesitation, he led the singing of Happy Birthday.

12 Years Ago

Ron Anderson reports that the final numbers are not yet in, but we know that we sold 752 trees. We gave away upwards of 25 trees to families in need. We have \$65,000 in the bank, but we have to pay for the trees and pay taxes. We should have information soon on what we will donate to the Bonita Springs Rotary Foundation. Thanks to all of the Rotarians who contributed to this effort, our Numero Uno fund raiser.

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 FRIEND-SHIPS**?

Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

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