



In Memoriam

John C. Warfield 1929-2020

John Warfield passed away last week. John joined the club in 2000 and was presented with a rare Honorary Club Membership in 2018. "Because you are so important to the club and community and we appreciate everything you have done for Rotary and the community."

John served our country in the Air Force in Korea and had a highly successful career in the automotive industry in Frederick, Maryland.

After moving to Bonita Springs in 1991, he became actively involved many areas of the community with civic organizations, Rotary, and as a City Councilman. John Warfield, a supporter of the Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs, received the *Love of Bonita* award in 2014. He was involved in fundraising for the Guadalupe Family Center in Immokalee and in forming the Bonita Springs Community Fund. There will be a memorial service at FPC Monday, Mar 16th at 10:30 am.

Last Week Meeting

President **Chris Riesen** banged the gavel. **Eileen Tasso** presented the invocation; **Steve McIntosh** led the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Wendy Spivy** delivered the Four-way Test flawlessly. **Mark Generales** led singing of *Love and Marriage*.

\$850 in prizes were awarded today. Next month will be the start of a new **EZ-Ca\$h**. Get your tickets now!



Club Secretary **Kae Moore** presented new member **Matt Engblom** with his blue membership badge signifying completion of all the new member requirements.

Wendy Spivy and **Wendy Arsenault** presided over the final 2019 **EZ-Ca\$h** drawing.



Sara McCallum was the **Rotarian of the Month** for February. Sara has headed up many activities including the blue buckets, Santa on the Sand, and Paul Harris member administration. Congratulations Sara.

This Week's Program:

Elizabeth Cheslak

- meditation

This Morning's Invocation

Dear God, 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 food awaiting our enjoyment in the context of purposeful friendship. For the happy privilege of just being here, we are grateful.

In the spirit, as well as with words of gratitude, we offer this prayer. Amen.

Song: **Come Fly With Me**

Come fly with me, let's float down to Peru
In llama-land there's a one-man band
And he'll toot his flute for you
Come fly with me, let's take off in the blue

Once I get you up there
Where the air is rarefied
We'll just glide
Starry-eyed

Once I get you up there
I'll be holding you so near
You may hear
Angels cheer, 'cause we're together

Weather-wise, it's such a lovely day
Just say the words and we'll beat the birds
Down to Acapulco Bay
It is perfect for a flying honeymoon, they say
Come fly with me, let's fly, let's fly away

Last Week Speaker



Steve McIntosh

introduced our speaker Dr. **Mike Martin**, President of FGCU. Dr. Martin says that FGCU is entering the second phase of its development moving from a start-up to a genuinely impactful, regional, comprehensive education institution now getting an international reputation.

He said all majors offered have this purpose, "Any student who completes will have a corridor to career in life wherever they may choose to go..".

Several long term programs have emerged as excellent. The nursing program is "the best in Florida" and School of Entrepreneurship is ranked first in the state by the Princeton Review.

Current efforts are going into The [your name] Water School and to developing programs with local industries. 81% of the graduates stay in Florida, more than half in SWFL.

Dr. Martin says "I really enjoy the students here. Most of our students come here because they know it's a ladder to success...They don't think of their education as an entitlement; they think of it as a privilege. Most work part time to finance their own education."

FGCU now has 15,300 students. He believes that in 6 years there will be about 20,000 students which is the capacity of the campus.

Dr. Martin offered these opinions on current "education issues".

1. Believes that it is time for the country to mandate universal Pre-K education.
2. Much of the rising cost of higher education comes from the demand for better amenities. At FGCU, the cost of classroom delivery of education is less expensive than 10 years ago.
3. There should not be a bail out of all student debt. Much of the debt has been accumulated by advanced degree students, doctors, and lawyers who will have the ability to pay off their debts with future income.
4. Student athletes should not be paid. He says only about 30 universities have athletic programs that would be able to support paid athletes. The balance of the FBS institutions would have to raise student fees to pay the athletes.



Bob Rosier
drew the Q♥
for \$5.

The 50/50 is
\$1,162

Upcoming Programs

March 5, Member Social at Survey Cafe 6 pm.

March 6-8, Wheelchair Mission Trip

March 11, Fred Fung, New Director of Bonita Bay Club

March 18, Chante Pemberton, Blue Zones

March 25, Chuck Von Maur, Von Maur Dept Store

March 27, Cuban Pig Roast, Bay Water Boat Club

May 2, Annual Reverse Raffle

May 7-9, District Conference, Naples Beach Hotel

May 16th, 2020, Club Installation

Birthdays (Mar 1 - Mar 7)

Jim Renfro Mar 2

Roger Kemper (rr) Mar 7

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3 Years ago

President **Steven Slachta** reported on a Wheelchair fundraiser sponsored by the Sunset Club. **Nancy Ross** and guests at her table donated \$1,000 and **Jay Berube** pledged \$1,000. Thank you for your support.

12 Years ago

Estero High School Update

George Clover, Principal of Estero High School, offered an overview and update of activities going on at the School.

Mr. Clover discussed the overall impact the economy has had on school generally and enrollment specifically. When he assumed responsibility as principal of Estero High School, enrollment was as 2,150 students. Current enrollment levels are at 1,500 students and he expects enrollment next year to be about 1,250 students. This decline in enrollment impacts staffing and the ability to offer electives.

The Four 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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