

April 15, 2020

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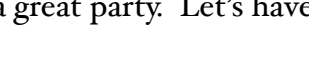
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**Last Week Meeting**

A crowd of 49 or so Zoom'd in for the meeting. President **Chris Riesen** rang the bell to start the meeting. **Bob Lombardo** presented an appropriate invocation; **Marjorie Rubacky** led the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Ray Faubion** led the Four Way Test. **Don Manley** showed up wearing his shirt so we couldn't see the staples from his recent open-heart surgery. **Bob Rosier** wondered if he would get fined for arriving before the bell.

Chris reported that 95% of the members have been contacted by the "team of six". Among the members Chris talked to were **George Cohan** and **Roger Brunswick**. He is planning to continue doing the calling every two weeks. "The connection of just a simple phone call is so important."



The EZ-Ca\$H project is limping along. The first drawing is tentatively scheduled for May. It's important to sell as many of these tickets as possible.

Maybe the folks who are not stopping at Dunkin' Donuts or Starbucks every morning could buy a couple of EZ-Ca\$H tickets to help out. It's not too late.

Chris re-iterated that the Reverse Raffle has not been cancelled, just postponed. Tentatively, for September 5th. "It's going to be a great party. Let's have some fun with it."

**Eileen's Book Choices**

**Eileen Tasso** is heading up a "Book referral program". Her current favorite author is Erik Larsen. She is now reading *The Devil in White City* and also recommends *Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania* and *The Splendid and the Vile: A Saga of Churchill...*

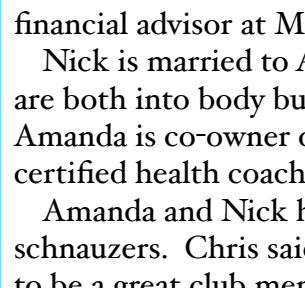
Chris asks that anyone who would like to recommend books to the club give him a call, text, or email.

**1,000,000 Volunteers**

**Sandy Hemstead** reported that our district is partnering with a number of other organizations around the country to promote Volunteer Service. The basic idea is to sign up volunteers to work on health care related activities that do not require a certified professional. The professionals would then be freed up to concentrate on patient care.

There are two training courses being offered to prepare volunteers for the tasks they may be asked to accomplish. More details will be sent out Real Soon Now.

**Nick Steinbach.. Vocational Three Minutes**



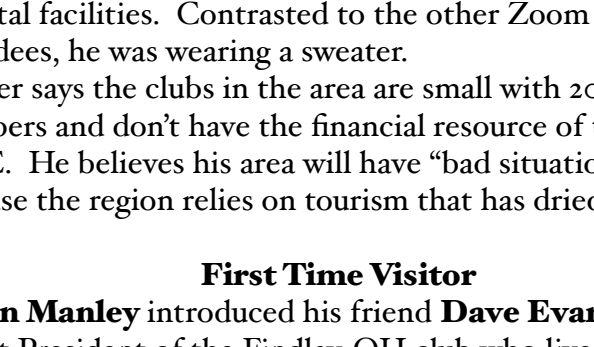
Nick showed up on screen for his three minutes dressed in his best "bib and tucker". Quite a contrast to the many others who were in various stages of dressing.

Nick grew up in Kalamazoo, MI. He was a successful high school athlete, but injuries stymied his college athletic career at Western Michigan University.

He graduated in 2004 and joined Merrill Lynch, Naples in 2005. He has CFP and ChFC designations. Nick joined Stifel in 2018 as Vice President/Investments. Prior to joining Stifel, he had served as financial advisor at Merrill Lynch and Wells Fargo Advisors.

Nick is married to Amanda who was from Brazil. They are both into body building including competitions. Amanda is co-owner of Amanda Lifestyle LLC, and is a certified health coach and professional body builder.

Amanda and Nick have a son, Jack, age 8 and a couple of schnauzers. Chris said, "Welcome to the club, you're going to be a great club member."



**from the Algarve, Portugal**

One of our Zoom guests today was former club member **Peter Zahner** now living in the Algarve region of Portugal. Peter was a long time member and *Rotarian of the Year* in 2015. He is a Swiss citizen and has relocated to Portugal where he is a member of local Rotary club. He reported there a few virus cases there and there are ample hospital facilities. Contrasted to the other Zoom attendees, he was wearing a sweater.

Peter says the clubs in the area are small with 20-30 members and don't have the financial resource of the BSRC. He believes his area will have "bad situation because the region relies on tourism that has dried up."

**First Time Visitor**

**Don Manley** introduced his friend **Dave Evans**. Dave is Past President of the Findlay, OH club who lives in Bonita Bay. Don says, "Dave would be a great asset for the club."

**Speakers Needed**

The club is in need of speakers for the month of May. This was Roger's month so help with this task would be greatly appreciated. Please reach out to **Donna Flammang** (239-240-9450, dmflammang@bmdpl.com) to schedule!

**The Foundation Report**

**Stephanie Kissinger** reported that the Foundation had made grants to Rotary Camp Florida, \$1,000; I Like Me Books, \$3,864; reallocated a previous grant, \$4,000; and granted \$4,000 to the Bahamas Boat Restoration Project.

**Mark McCaw**, treasurer, said the Foundation had more than \$460k, including operation account of \$29k, reserve of \$84k, and about \$351k in the scholarship fund. The foundation has received \$20k from the club so far this year and is hoping for another \$30k.

**Bob Lombardo** praised the Foundation Board for its quick responses to needs. "The boat project is amazing."

**Meals of Hope**

Last week they served more than 1,800 families at their pantries. More people are coming out at a time when donated food is not available.

**Bobbi Bird** reports that they need volunteers to help packing groceries and at the drive-up pantries.

**Bob Lombardo and The Survey**

Several months ago Next President **Bob Lombardo** sent out an email survey of four questions. About 1/2 the members responded.

*What is our clubs strength?* Almost unanimously, members.

*What is our clubs weakness?* Poor member participation in volunteering and stepping up to help. Also, lack of a "home run" fund raiser.

*Of the club fundraisers what is the one that you can get behind and would like to continue?* Boat show.

*Of the club fundraisers, if we needed to eliminate one, which would you eliminate?* Christmas Tree Sales.

**Happy\$/Sad\$ envelope**

Chris asks that we all set aside an envelope to keep our Happy\$/Sad\$ contributions to turn in at the next regular meeting. We also need to remember the **CART** buckets. **Tom Briers** will be in charge of the blue bucket program.

**Upcoming Programs**

- 4/15 Joey Belanger- Bonita Springs YMCA
- 4/22 Belinda Roarbaugh- DACdb expert
- 4/29 Natene Bwaya

**After the Bell**

[www.americaspathforward.org](http://www.americaspathforward.org)

**Louis Gopher**, FGCU, gave us an introduction to America's Path Forward. This is a network comprised of universities, community-based organizations, technology companies, businesses and NGO's.

Founding members and supporters:  
 The Move @ MIT, FindOurView, Athena Group, Innovation by Design, Florida Gulf Coast University, MIT PKG Public Service Center.

From the apf website

"The only hope for re-building a Nation where differences productively co-exist, is to create a space where all our people are encouraged to reimagine, redefine, and recreate the 'American Dream'.

"America's Path Forward is an initiative to solicit and bring forward questions that the public feels our nation must address. This process cuts through the noise of opinion makers, media, and political parties. It directly promotes the public's voice about the questions they believe are the most central for this country. Our goal is to amplify and combine that public voice as a means to heal our present, honor the roots of our past, and choose our future.

"America's Path Forward has set out to provide the public with a means to build the trust and understand the needs to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic in a manner that maintains the dignity and well-being of everyone."

**God Bless America**

God bless America, land that I love.  
 Stand beside her and guide her  
 Through the night  
 With the light from above.  
 From the mountains  
 To the prairies  
 To the oceans, white with foam,  
 God bless America,  
 My home sweet home.  
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 My home sweet home.

**This Morning's Invocation**

O God, as individuals and as a Club help us to engage in worthy endeavors, not for personal satisfaction but for the benefit of others.

Empower us to be men and women, not only of professional ability, but of such integrity that our words and works will be winsome and effective examples for others.

As we tend to the organizational details of our Club and projects, help us to always keep on mind the larger and higher purposes of our chartered existence.

We ask for Your blessing upon the food awaiting us that that we may be physically strengthened for continued service. May all we do and say be productive and to Your ultimate glory. Amen.

**3 Years ago**

**Carrie Reynolds** announced that she is moving to Exuma, Bahamas at the end of the month. She has given her resignation to FineMark and will be leaving the club. It's a long way to the nearest Rotary Club from Georgetown, Exuma. Carrie, thank you for being a great Rotarian.

**12 Years Ago**

President-elect **Ray Faubion** presided. **Doug Pratt** delivered the invocation. **Rex Sims** led the Pledge of Allegiance and **Bill Oehler** led the 4 Way Test. **Steve Krchniak** directed a rousing performance of the *Battle Hymn of the Republic*.

We appropriately recognized the efforts and hard work of **Ron Anderson**, **Bobbi Bird** and all Rotarians and Rotary Regulars who made the 5K Run and Celebrate Bonita a success.

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**Birthdays (Apr 12 - Apr 18)**

- John Spear Apr 12**
- Kae Moore Apr 12**
- Mary Saunders Apr 12**
- Brian Olitsky Apr 15**

**50/50**



**\$1,300 ±**

**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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