



April 8, 2020

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**Last Week Meeting**



A crowd of 46 or so Zoom'd in for the meeting. President **Chris Riesen** rang the bell to start the meeting. **Sandy Hemstead** presented the invocation; **Jim Horein** led the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Adam Botana** led the Four Way Test from dockside at the Bay Water Exclusive Boat Club.

**Bob Rosier** wondered if he would get fined for arriving before the bell.

It was evident from the Zoom photos that some members were not standing as close to their razors as they used to. Is there a competition?

**Roger Brunswick** is in Physicians Regional after having suffered a debilitating stroke. Details are limited.

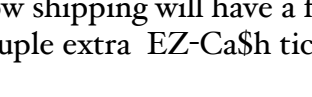
**Announcements**

Next week's meeting will be the final Club Assembly of Chris' year. There will be a presentation by the Foundation Trustees. Then we will take up any questions, comments, concerns about the direction of the club.

Use the same ID to get into the weekly meetings. Access is on 7-9 am, meeting 7:30 - 8:30 am.

**Meeting ID: 819-720-330**  
**Password: 909609**

The first scheduled meeting returning to Bonita Bay Club is June 3rd.



**Wendy Spivy** reported that so far there is a "profit" of \$4,200, well below last year's \$14,000. The first drawing is tentatively scheduled for May. It's important to sell as many of these tickets as possible.

Chris lamented that we are losing ground on the EZ-Ca\$h this year and with the Reverse Raffle now tentatively scheduled for September, revenue is far below expectations.

Maybe the folks who are stuck at home and with Amazon having slow shipping will have a few left over \$\$ and could buy a couple extra EZ-Ca\$h tickets to help out. It's not too late.

**Meals of Hope**

**Sandy Hemstead** reported that the Wednesday Food Pantry drive up at Bonita Springs Elementary is on-going. Groups of 6 to 8 people are packing bags with groceries and putting them directly into car trunks or pickup bodies.

She says, "Meals of Hope has gone out on a pretty big limb and bought \$50k of already packaged groceries and took a loan for \$100k. So, they are really needing financial support. Any donation would be greatly appreciated. This is different from 'normal' because they are now purchasing groceries that were typically received [as donations] from federal, state, or private sources."

**RI efforts**

Sandy told us that TRF has designated \$1 million for coronavirus disaster relief. Funds may be applied for by Districts or Clubs in tranches of \$25 or less. The funds can be used as matching money for Global Grants or District money for district grants.

Sandy told about another district's efforts to offer an "Instacart" type service to help in getting food to people using volunteers to pick and deliver the groceries.

Another exploration is connecting with KIVA, a micro-credit lending organization, to see if there is any possibility to work together on loans to very small businesses.

**Talk to a Rotarian**

Chris said he wants to continue the program of calling members with officers and directors calling members at least twice a month to see if there are any needs.

**Adam Botana Time**  
**Sergeant-at-Arms**

Adam spoke from the windy shores of Bay Water. He thanked everyone for wearing shirts for the meeting. However, he cautioned everyone to be careful with the camera angles, "not up your nose".

Adam noted that **Jason Dolle** has grown a pretty good crop of facial hair with plenty of gray showing. He then recognized Jason's birthday (40+).

Sandy offered a Happy\$, announcing son-in-law has been promoted to Chief in the Miami Fire Department.

**Nanci Landy** had a Sad\$, reporting her daughter's mother-in-law had passed away.

**Wendy Arsenault** said her husband Mike used to be in the medical supply business. He donated 6 surgical ventilators to Lee Health.

**Last Week Speaker**

**Wendy Spivy** introduced our speaker **Greg DeWitt** now chief of the Bonita Springs Fire Control and Rescue District. The District is a property tax supported operation run by a five man Board of Commissioners. The annual budget is more than \$25 million with about 120 employees.

The district responds to more than 7,000 calls per year, more than half for Medical Emergencies. The district sends a fire truck to medical emergencies, while Lee County sends an ambulance. The fire truck often arrives before the ambulance and the district personnel begin providing care immediately.

The district has made several attempts to gain responsibility for ambulance services in the district. These pleas have been rejected by the Lee County Commissioners.

In 1988, Fort Myers Beach native Greg DeWitt volunteered as a firefighter in his new home, Bonita Springs. Thirty-one years later, he's the fire district's new chief. The fire district's board of commissioners named DeWitt the new chief during its December meeting.

He resigned from the Bonita Springs City Council, an elected position he held while serving as assistant chief of the fire district. The fire district commission's vote unanimously passed, earning the new chief a standing ovation. "I think it's fairly obvious the direction we're going — I just need to hear everyone say it," Chairman Steve Lohan said. DeWitt replaces outgoing fire district Chief Joseph Daigle who announced his retirement in November.

Today's Song:

**Don't Fence Me In**

Oh, give me land, lots of land  
under starry skies above  
Don't fence me in  
Let me ride through the  
wide open country that I love  
Don't fence me in  
Let me be by myself  
in the evenin' breeze  
And listen to the murmur  
of the cottonwood trees  
Send me off forever  
but I ask you please  
Don't fence me in

**This Morning's Invocation**

Almighty God, we thank you for life and all its components, both good and adverse, because through both we are strengthened.

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 the food and purposeful fellowship received here. We are grateful for the happy privilege of just being here. Amen

**Birthdays (Apr 5 - Apr 11)**

No Birthdays

**History**

**3 Years ago**

ding. Next President **Jon McLeod** convened the meeting. **Jim Horein** eschewed the "corporate invocation" and offered his inspirational moment. The "Heavy from Youngstown" aka **Vince Modarelli** led the Pledge of Allegiance and **Joe Murgalo** was too far away to read the Four Way Test successfully.

Song Leader **Wayne Hemstead** led us in Happy Trails and dedicated it to the Rotary Regulars who are returning to their northern home.

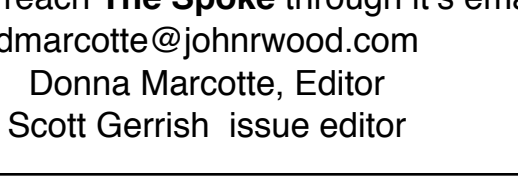
**12 Years Ago**

Almost 200 runners helped make history as participants in our Inaugural 5k Run this past Saturday—a special way to begin the Celebrate Bonita festivities.

Kicking off at 7:30 am sharp, runners were treated to a great race day experience. The course was flat, interesting, and built for speed—encouraging runners to go for their "PR."

The course management, (and the course proctors—many of whom were members of our Club) and post-race festivities were also world class. Congratulations to **Ron Anderson** and his committee for a great job.

**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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