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August 12, 2020

Week 7

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2018-2021

Adam Botana, Len Eckert, Donna Flammang

Last Week

President **Bob Lombardo** hosted a Zoom meeting with 41 participants. **Steve McIntosh** presented the invocation; **Adam Botana** led the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Matt Engblom** presented the Four Way Test. **Mark Generales** shared a video of a spectacular 12 year old singing *Defying Gravity*.

Announcements

Roger Brunswick is expected to return from the rehab facility soon and, Bob says, wants to get back to work.

Bob reminded us to keep a CART envelope with change and dollars for this important work.





First Thursday Zoom Social. President Bob Lombardo invited us to a Zoom Social tonight. He promised us a surprise. Indeed a good one. **Daniel Ericks**, a talented singer song-writer gave us almost an hour of music for our enjoyment. A much appreciated interlude.



Chris Riesen showed us a photo of our former Rotaract President, **Marco**, back in his native Italy helping out with a food distribution in his home town demonstrating *Service Above Self*.

Chris reported that **Walter Restropo**, our Bonita Bay server, sends regards to everyone. He is scheduled to have a surgery soon.

2019-2022

Brad Piotrowski, Mary Saunders, Jon Shaw

2020-2023

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President Bob Lombardo is maintaining the tradition started by **Chris Riesen** of naming a Rotarian of the Month. The selection for July was **John Flammang** newly installed as Club Treasurer for his dedication in getting up to speed as treasurer in one month and continuing with the Christmas Tree Sales committee.

EZ Cash drawings will be two per month starting with the 2nd and 4th meetings of August. **You can still buy chances**. Remember there will be 12 drawings.



Please forward any EZ Cash ticket stubs and/or money to:

Wendy Spivy 12422 Lake Shalimar Drive, Bonita Springs, FL 34135 contact: phone or text: 810 728 3090

Meeting Note

President Bob starts the Zoom meetings about 7:00 am and keeps the meetings open after the bell. There are plenty of chances to "**meet and greet**" and converse with your fellow members just as you used to do at the Bonita Bay meetings.

Log on to Nautical Market

There is a newly developed website for our Nautical Market at: https://loverskeynauticalmarket.com

Take a look it's really nicely done!

DACdb

Want to fix your personal contact information in the records? Your data is available on the DACdb website that

the club subscribes to. All Rotarians and Rotary Regulars can access the club data and edit their own contact information. Contact Bob if you have difficulty logging on to the district site:

https://rotarydistrict6960.org

Adam Botana Time



Adam commented on **Jim Dati**'s new hair cut. Jim went from being ready for motorcycle week in Sturgis to looking ready for Saturday morning inspection. Adam asked a relaxed **Bob Rosier** if he were "falling asleep" and noted that Bob was looking "very Sicilian".

Nanci Landy reported that **Jim Renfro** is doing much better after his eye surgery and expects to be getting eye-glasses next month.

Last Week Zoom Speaker

Stephanie Kissinger introduced **Mary Asta**, Executive Director of the *Gargiulo Education Center*. She has served on the board of the Gargiulo Education Center since 2017 and was named its Executive Director in January, 2018.



Mary has an extensive history in philanthropy. As Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the Fisher Center for Alzheimer's Research Foundation at Rockefeller University in New York City, she developed the foundation's structure from the ground up, raising millions of research dollars as well as pro bono media dollars.

The Gargiulo Center provides academic enrichment opportunities in a safe and nurturing environment to low-income, disadvantaged, at-risk students from kindergarten to high school (K-12) at no cost to the families. These are children of farm and factory workers who attend Naples public schools. This after-school program focuses on tutoring in reading, writing, math, and entrepreneurial activities.

Mary is looking for volunteers to work with the students

and for business owners who would be willing to off internships to students.

This Morning's Invocation

O God, we come humbly into your presence by this avenue of prayer, expressing both our gratitude for gifts received, and our yearnings to be used as gifts to others.

To that end, grant us visions of service yet unrendered, an awareness of goals yet unattained and hopes yet unrealized.

Give us zeal and power to bring to reality the good and worthy things waiting to be done, and confirm our efforts by your assistance without which we labor in vain.

Strengthen us now by food prepared and enjoyed.
Enlighten us through productive conversations, and go with us as we return to waiting opportunities to make the day better for others. Amen.

Rotary Sings: Not Today

Impressario Mark Generales presents Billie Jean

She was more like a beauty queen
from a movie scene
I said don't mind, but what do you mean,
I am the one
Who will dance on the floor in the round?
She said I am the one,
who will dance on the floor in the round
She told me her name was Billie Jean,
as she caused a scene
Then every head turned with eyes that dreamed
of being the one

Who will dance on the floor in the round
People always told me be careful of what you do
And don't go around breaking young girls' hearts
And mother always told me be careful of who you love
And be careful of what you do
'cause the lie becomes the truth
Billie Jean is not my lover
She's just a girl who claims that I am the one
But the kid is not my son
She says I am the one, but the kid is not my son

Upcoming Programs

August 12th - Tiffany Esposito, President and CEO, Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce

August 19th - Tami Balavage, Founder/President, Help a Diabetic Child

August 26th - Gary Darling, Retired Major League Umpire

Birthdays (Aug 9-Aug 15)

Nancy Ross August 12

3 Years ago

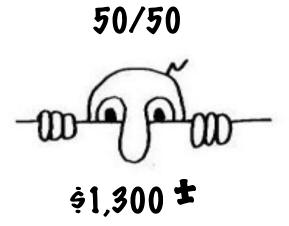
Ray Faubion talked about his family's satisfying experiences acting as Rotary Youth Exchange hosts. Twelve years ago, they hosted a Swiss girl. Since then, her parents have emigrated to the U.S., and the girl received her PhD from Pitt. Ray was delighted to walk her down the aisle at her recent wedding in Myrtle Beach.

12 Years ago

We were pleased to welcome Rotarian **Jim Friedgen** of Derry, New Hampshire. We were also happy to meet **Susan Schmidt**, a guest of **Linda Ritzert**.

Ed Schick offered a report on *Shots for Tots*. Over 50 families and 150 children were served this past week. Thanks for making a real difference.

President Ray informed us of the imminent arrival of his German Exchange student. Hopefully he will make an appearance at this morning's meeting.



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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