

The Spoke





President Bob rang the bell for his first in-person meeting during his year as President. On top of that, the coffee is excellent, he reported! He thanked the people at Shangri La for their hard work and dedication to making it happen! Tom Briers read the Invocation. Stephanie led us in The Pledge of Allegiance. The Four Way test was expertly said by the "eager beaver"!! Not sure who that was, but she was very eager.

Mark G. had us all sing "Reunited"!

Our club website www.bonitaspringsrotary.org has been updated! Thanks to the excellent work of our webmaster, Patty Gill, we have a fully up to date website! Some changes include a map to our new meeting place—Shangri-La, a list of our new membership classes, Clergy and Non Profit—and their associated dues and payment selections, all due payment selection buttons on the member page have been updated to reflect the new lowered payments for the meeting portion of our dues and there's a new message on the Member page from the Club President. Got check it out!

As it our practice to not have a general request for contributions for other than Rotary charities, President Bob asked us to consider helping Marco Del Grosso fund law school—by request only. If you are interested in helping Marco, please email me and I will provide you with his Gofundme and Crowdfunding sites. Bob.lombardo@ashbrokerage.com

Our Rotarian brother Jim Renfro has had several medical issues in 2020 and almost lost his eyesight. As many of you know Jim is an accomplished artist and needs his eyes to continue his craft. I am glad to report that Jim has fully recovered and is doing very well. See his hello in the attachment.

Dr. Steve McIntosh, gave an update on keeping our High School Leadership Programs alive and well amidst covid.

This Week's Program:

Jayne Klinker, Sponsor and Brian Robinson, President, Estero High School Interact Club

This Morning's Invocation

Holy God, who has set before us high standards and expectations, we come prayerfully to you as men and women who seek to be diligent in meeting the expectations inherent in our identity as Rotarians. In home and office, in stores and schools, and in all public places in which we are under scrutiny, help us not betray the moral and ethical standards we profess to hold. May our presence here today remind us of who we are. Help us to renew our commitments to the qualities we revere as Rotarians. And now for the nourishing gift of food and the nurturing gift of our being together, we offer thanks. Amen.





That's What Friends Are For— Dionne Warwich

And I never thought I'd feel this way
And as far as I'm concerned
I'm glad I got the chance to say
That I do believe, I love you

And if I should ever go away
Well, then close your eyes and try
To feel the way we do today
And then if you can remember

Keep smiling, keep shining
Knowing you can always count on me, for sure
That's what friends are for
For good times and bad times
I'll be on your side forever more
That's what friends are for

Well, you came in loving me
And now there's so much more I see
And so by the way
I thank you

Oh and then for the times when we're apart Well, then close your eyes and know The words are coming from my heart And then if you can remember

Keep smiling and keep shining...(3X)

Notable Notes

5 Years ago

Last week Len Eckert hosted last week's Vocational Service Moment. A native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and a graduate of the Pittsburgh Art Institute, Len held a variety of positions within the visual display profession, ultimately moving to Tampa, Florida. He secured a positions as a graphic artist, at the Tampa Tribune and an advertising agency, the Food Group. In 1994 Len met Diane who he married in 1997. Currently he is the Owner and Creative Directive of iconDo, Inc. Len has been a member of our Club for 6 years and during that period of time has held a number of service and leadership positions. Thanks Len for being a great Rotarian.

8 Years ago

George Cohan was Sergeant-at-Arms. He greeted a first time visitor, threatened fines for late arrivals and missing pins, and organized a Happy Birthday for Don "Old Mudder" Manley. He did manage to extract \$100 from Bob Rosier as a sort of pre-paid late fine for the entire year. George said, "One of the goals of this club this year should be to increase membership in the club with quality people. We all know quality people. You heard Don Manley's report of people in El Salvador coming up to him on their knuckles hoping to get a wheelchair. That's what Rotary does for Planet Earth. We make it a better place. You guys and ladies know people that would like to help. They're the ones that should become members of the club."



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 BET-TER FRIENDSHIPS?

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

Upcoming Programs

Jan 27: Arleen Hunter, City Manager, Bonita Springs

Birthdays (Jan 17 - Jan 23)
Bob Rosier, Jan 19
Marjorie Rubacky, Jan 19



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