



March 17, 2021

### Last Week Meeting

President **Bob Lombardo** presided at the in-person and zoom meeting from Shangri-La. **Chris Riesen** presented his invocation; **Joe Murgalo** led the *Pledge of Allegiance*; and **Brad Piotrowski** recited the Four Way Test with authority.

Song Leader **Mark Generales** gave us the background and then led a pretty well sung version of "Oh, Danny Boy". President Bob said this song always brought tears to his eyes. "The Irish are just like the Italians except they speak English".

### Announcements



Bob invited **Mark Generales** forward to help recognize the success of this year's Boat Show. Bob reported that the proceeds of about \$40,000 were double last year. The funds will be shared with the FOLK to help in furnishing the education and visitor center at Lovers Key State Park.

This Week's Program:

**David Webb**

**The Culture of the Iroquois**

### This Morning's Invocation

Almighty God, as we gather for yet another weekly opportunity to renew our fellowship and reaffirm our principles and purpose as Rotarians, we are grateful for the gift of repetition, for returning to a familiar place, conversing again with friends and colleagues we have greeted numerous times before.

With hope represented in Spring, help us to be reenergized and recommitted to visions of service not yet rendered, goals not yet attained, and fires of faith not yet kindled.

Hear our prayer of thanksgiving for food and fellowship, by which we are energized and strengthened for recurring opportunities to serve others. Amen.

**Marco Del Grosso** past president of the Rotaract Club joined the zoom meeting from Italy. Marco's GoFundMe effort to raise money to attend U of Miami Law School is still going on.

### Murgalo Time

*Interim* Sergeant-at-Arms **Joe Murgalo** commented on "how hard it is to be funny before 8 am." He introduced guests both in-person and zoom. And he organized a Happy Birthday serenade for **Len Eckert**.

**Diane Ewing** (rr) announced there would be Saturday night benefit at the Everglades WonderGarden. Entry is \$30/person, food trucks, from 6-9 pm.



### New Member Earl Nelson

President Bob inducted **Earl Nelson** as one of our new members. Earl was sponsored by none other than President Bob. Earl has volunteered at many of our events over the years. Previously, he had a Wednesday morning softball league but has given that up in favor of joining the club.

Earl was Corporate Vice President of BI World Wide, a corporate event planner, whose mission was to run effective sales contests and incentives, build dynamic customer loyalty programs and create impactful corporate events better than anyone else.

### Rotary Sings: When Irish Eyes are Smiling

When Irish eyes are smiling,  
Sure it's like a morn in Spring,

In the lilt of Irish laughter  
You can hear the angels sing.

When Irish hearts are happy,  
All the world seems bright and gay.

And when Irish eyes are smiling,  
Sure, they steal your heart away.

### Last Week Program



Our Rotary Regular **Diane Ewing** from the Centreville, MD Rotary Club introduced the Lifetime Wells program. **Kenny Wood**, also a member of the club, is the owner of Lifetime Well Drilling Company. He and his firm have drilled a high percentage of the water wells in eastern Maryland and western Delaware.

In 2006, he got involved in a project to drill wells in Ghana and Tanzania Africa. Prior to the wells, women and children would walk up to 2 miles to the nearest source of water. The water was terribly contaminated, resulting in widespread disease, sickness, and death. since then he has **drilled more than 2,500 water wells** in Africa.

In the course of working with the villagers in Africa, Ken became aware of widespread eye problems caused by excessive sun exposure and poor nutrition. To address these problems, he has financed 2,450 cataract operations, nearly 6,000 pairs of prescription eye glasses, and over 2,500 eye disease treatments.

The Rotary Foundation is partnering with the Centreville club to drill more than 15 wells, bringing clean drinking water to over 10,000 people. Any donation will be **matched by TRF**. A form with information and details is attached (only on the emailed Spoke).

### Upcoming Programs

March 17 David Webb will present a program on "The culture of the Iroquois"

March 24 Dr. Howard Freedman of the Florida Lions Eye Clinic.

March 31 Club Assembly

### Birthdays (Mar 14 - Mar 20)

None

### The Rotary Club of Bonita Springs

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**\$950 ±**

### 5 Years ago

**Donna Flammang**, a one year Rotarian, presented her Vocational Service Moment. She was born and brought up in Cleveland where her father was head of a special investigative unit of the Cleveland P .D . Donna graduated from college in three years, one of which included studying in Mexico. She majored in accounting and became a CPA.

After college she took an accounting job at a NYSE listed manufacturing company while going to law school at night. She rose through the ranks to become V.P. General Counsel and Secretary of the corporation. "I thought I was going to be here until I retire." But that dream came to an end after 23 1/2 years when the company was the target of a hostile takeover.

Donna was going to enjoy some time off but became a consultant to the takeover company and others. She became so busy that she joined a large law firm in Cleveland concentrating on business law, estates and trusts.

Donna decided "I'm not putting up with another of these winters" and came to Florida. After turning down an opportunity in Miami she moved here and has become a partner at Brennan, Manna & Diamond specializing in Business and Estate Planning.

### 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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**We provided this Well in 2017, let's do more!**

To our Friends in the Community,

We take for granted our clean running water here on the Eastern Shore.

What if you did not have access to clean water? What if you had to take water from a dirty hole in the ground? What if you could do something about this?

Join the Centreville Rotary Club in sponsoring Lifetime Wells International, a non-profit founded by local Rotarian Kenny Wood, to drill drinking water wells in Ghana and Tanzania, Africa. In partnership with the Rotary Foundation, we hope to help drill more than 15 wells, bringing clean drinking water to over 10,000 people.

Your donation of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) would also be matched by the Rotary Foundation to donate \$200 to this effort. Every dollar you contribute is doubled!

Please use the coupon below to make your contribution.

Thank you,  
Centreville Rotary Club

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Mail this coupon and your check to Centreville Rotary Club at PO Box 533, Centreville, MD 21617.  
Please make check payable to the "Centreville Rotary Club Community Fund"

Yes, I would like to contribute \$\_\_\_\_\_ to help bring clean water to people in need.

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