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Last Week Meeting

President **Bob Lombardo** presided at the in-person and zoom meeting from Shangri-La. **Mark Generales** presented the invocation; **Gary Price** led the *Pledge of Allegiance*; and **Ken Lahey** read the Four Way Test well.

Song Leader **Mark Generales** gave us the background and then led singing of a date appropriate *When Irish Eyes Are Smiling*.

Announcements

Bob announced that District Governor **Darryl Keys** will be a visitor at our next meeting.

Our March 31st meeting will be a Club Assembly. Bob is asking for everyone to bring ideas, thoughts, and constructive criticism for open discussion.

New member David Webb reported that the previous Saturday night event at the Wonder Garden was very successful raising about \$20,000.

Paul Messino reported that he and his wife had managed to get very efficiently vaccinated at a FEMA site. Details of the FEMA vaccination can be found by Googling "FEMA vaccinations florida".

President Bob reminded us that we need to "put some money" in the Blue CART buckets each week.

This Week's Speaker

Dr. Howard Freedman

Florida Lions Eye Clinic.

This Morning's Invocation

Sovereign God, having come to these tables to add yet another experience of Rotary fellowship to the adventure of life, we give thanks for the opportunity to be adventurers in our respective fields of endeavor.

Give us the courage and will to employ the Four-Way Test in decision making and in relationships.

Help us to know the difference between selfish exploitation of human and physical resources, and the exploration of ways to be good stewards of all things.

We thank you for food to sustain us, fellowship to enrich us, and ideas to inspire us. Be present with us as a silent guest at our tables, and give us your blessings. Amen.

Gary Price Time

Bob introduced our Interim Substitute Sergeant-at-Arms, **Gary Price**.

Gary thanked all those who had contributed costume jewelry. The donated items will be used by Bonita Springs Elementary School students as gifts for Mothers Day. "...Me and 5 or 6 Zonta ladies had fun separating the jewelry."

Gary reported that Sergeant-at-Arms Emeritus, **George Cohan**, is recovering well. "He is just as cantankerous as ever. George is getting around without a cane or walker and enjoying life."

Gary fined all those who were not wearing green in honor of St. Patrick's Day. In addition, he fined anyone without a Rotary Pin.

Visitor **Gary Probst** announced that he is going back to Iowa. He told us his involvement in the the University of Iowa Dance Marathon that creates and sustains special projects to provide emotional and financial support and services for pediatric oncology and bone marrow transplant patients and their families treated at University of Iowa Stead Family Children's Hospital.

New Member Introduced



President Bob brought new member **David Webb** and his sponsor, **Donna Flammang**, forward for the obligatory presentation of David's membership certificate. He is the

Executive Director of the Wonder Gardens. His classification is Non Profit.

As a teenager, David **Rahahetih** Webb bottle-fed a panther kitten at a veterinary clinic. The little cub was the runt of a littler from the Bonita Springs Everglades Wonder Gardens.

He had been to the gardens as a kid and grew up watching the alligators, birds and other creatures living in the 3-acre attraction off Old 41 Road.

Twenty-five years later, the conservationist is back at the Wonder Gardens, ready to take the Bonita Springs landmark in a new, education-focused direction. Welcome to the club, David.

Last Week Meeting

Donna Flammang introduced our speaker **David Webb** who introduced himself in his Native American language. He is a member of the Tuscarora nation and Meherrin Culture. Both of his parents are Iroquois.

The natives lived in villages formed by “long houses”. Their principle crops were corn, beans, and squash. There are now 634 tribes of indigenous people recognized in North America and more than 300 languages.

The Iroquois Constitution, also known as the Great Law of Peace, is a great oral narrative that documents the formation of a League of Six Nations: Cayuga, Onondaga, Mohawk, Oneida, Seneca, and later on, the Tuscarora nations. Among the principles were freedom of speech and religion, the “Seventh” generation principle, the right of women to participate in government, and considerable power and responsibility granted to women. David says the Iroquois Constitution dated to about 500 AD and was an influence on the drafters of the U.S. Constitution.



Upcoming Programs

March 31 Club Assembly

April 7 Adam Botana, Live from Tallahassee

April 14 - David Webb, a follow up to his talk last fall now reporting on the changes to the WonderGarden in his first six months

April 21 - Noreen Harrington, former JP Morgan bond trader, comments on COVID effects on the investment markets

April 28 - Linda Waterhouse, campus president at Sienna College in Naples and new member, update on the college and its programs

Birthdays (Mar 21 - Mar 27)

None

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Brad Piotrowski
drew the 7♥
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The Spoke Archives

5 Years ago

President **Tom Briers** presided. Week 38. **Mark Generales** presented the invocation; **George Cohan** led the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Tom Burgess** recited the Four Way Test flawlessly.

Song leader **Ron O'Anderson** mustered the Irish and near-Irish to the front to help in signing *When Irish Eyes Are Smiling*.

Our social arbiter, **George Cohan**, hailed **Donna Flammang** who managed to attend the meeting even though she had a cast on her leg and was in a wheel chair.

8 Years ago

Congratulations to **Ray Faubion** on being named the 2013 *Love of Bonita Award* recipient. The award celebrates and honors a Bonita Springs resident who exemplifies the goal of helping build a stronger community. Ray will officially honored at a dinner tomorrow evening at the Hyatt.

Award recipients “actively encourage and perform community service to help improve the quality of life” and we have had the great privilege of observing Ray advance those goals as he has held numerous leadership positions within our Club.

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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The Banana Boat Song

Day-o, day-o
Daylight come and me wan' go home
Day, me say day, me say day, me say day, me say day,
me say day-o
Daylight come and me wan' go home

Work all night on a drink of rum
Daylight come and me wan' go home
Stack banana 'til de mornin' come
Daylight come and me wan' go home

Come, mister tally man, tally me banana
Daylight come and me wan' go home
Come, mister tally man, tally me banana
Daylight come and me wan' go home

Lift six foot, seven foot, eight foot bunch
Daylight come and me wan' go home
Six foot, seven foot, eight foot bunch
Daylight come and me wan' go home

Day, me say day-o
Daylight come and me wan' go home
Day, me say day, me say day, me say day
Daylight come and me wan' go home

A beautiful bunch o' ripe banana
Daylight come and me wan' go home
Hide the deadly black tarantula
Daylight come and me wan' go home

Lift six foot, seven foot, eight foot bunch
Daylight come and me wan' go home
Six foot, seven foot, eight foot bunch
Daylight come and me wan' go home