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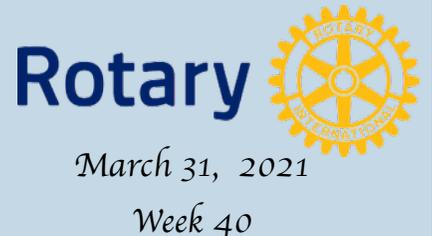
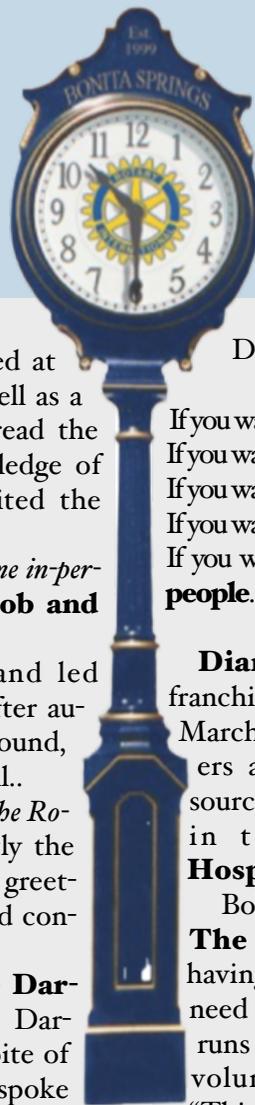
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Last Week Meeting

President **Bob Lombardo** presided at in-person meeting at Shangri-La as well as a Zoom meeting. **Mark Generales** read the Invocation; **Joe Murgalo** led the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Larry Vars**(rr) recited the Four Way Test.

Bob recognized *first time in a long time in-person* attendees, **Bob Langhans**(rr), **Bob and Nanci Landy**, and **Len Eckert**.

Mark Generales introduced and led singing of The Banana Boat Song. After auditions, no Harry Belafonte's were found, but the first three verses were sung well..

Bob announced **Carl Nickel** as "*The Rotarian of the Month*". Carl is frequently the "front desk man", always has a smiling greeting, and is an important dispenser (and consumer) of beer at fund raisers.

Bob introduced special guests, DG **Darryl Keys** and PDG **Rich Kirchner**. Darryl claimed to be from Nebraska in spite of an accent that screamed London. He spoke about the good feeling that Rotary provides for a "family" of people who make a difference locally and internationally.

Darryl related a Chinese proverb:

If you want happiness for an hour, take a nap.
If you want happiness for a day, go fishing.
If you want happiness for a month, get married.
If you want happiness for a year, inherit a fortune.
If you want happiness for a lifetime, **serve other people**.

Diane Ewing reported on a national franchisers **Day of Giving**, on Wednesday, March 31, when local **Jersey Mike's** owners and operators will donate their resources and every single dollar that comes in to the **Golisano Children's Hospital**.

Bob announced for Steve Kissinger that **The Gargiulo Education Center** is having an event next Monday and is in need of volunteers. The event itself only runs from 4-6, but we would need 5 or so volunteers from about noon forward.

"This was one of the organizations that we helped with a COVID relief grant, btw.

"This should be a pretty good gig - the volunteers can enjoy free food and a concert from Ben Allen. It is at Riverside Park on 03/29. Here is a link to their website with more details, but any interested can reach out to me directly. Gargiulo Education Center | Plant a Seed - It Will Grow."

Bob showed off a "**Rotary Meets Here**" plaque for the Shangri-La after noting that he had seen such plaques at international hotels in Madrid and Rome(?).

PDG **Rich Kirschner** is now District Polio Programs Chair. He called Bob and Past President **Chris Riesen** forward to receive flags recognizing the club's participation in The Rotary Foundation and the Polio programs.

Joe Murgalo Time

Joe thanked last week's Interim Substitute S.ofA., **Gary Price**. Joe introduced visitors, complained about lack of birthdays, took a few Happy/Sad\$, and, after reviewing the weather forecast, announced that it was "the last day of Spring in SWFL".

This Week's Meeting

Bob Lombardo

Club Assembly

This Morning's Invocation

Almighty God, as we pause in prayer at the outset of this meeting, help us to realize the significance of these brief moments as a preface to our time together.

We confess that our prayers are often perfunctory, our acknowledgement of your presence and power all too casual, and our impatience with quietude all too pervasive.

Although we represent various sectarian back grounds, we unite in mutual awareness that in all of our human endeavors we need divine assistance and blessings.

Use our private and corporate involvement and our Rotarian experience to bring truth, fairness, good will, and beneficence to our community, culture, and world.

Accept our gratitude for food and all other gifts lavished upon us. Amen.



Last Week Meeting

DG **Darryl Keys** agreed to be our speaker when our scheduled speaker was unable to zoom in.

Rotary's areas of focus are:

- Peace and conflict prevention/resolution.
- Disease prevention and treatment.
- Water and sanitation.
- Maternal and child health.
- Basic education and literacy.
- Economic and community development.

During April 2021, clubs can commemorate Rotary's **new 7th** Area of Focus: **Supporting the Environment and celebrate Earth Day 2021** by participating in a "Green Project". The clubs will develop environmentally friendly projects to benefit their local communities.

Volunteers are encouraged to wear green while participating in these projects. Club members are responsible for posting pictures of their project, along with a 15 second video to the GreenRotaract Facebook page and use #GreenRotaract & #GreenRotary.

Objectives:

Increase Membership, Promote Peace, Energize Rotaract and Rotary, Increase Public Image, Increase Awareness of Rotary's Seventh Area of Focus: Supporting the Environment

Darryl also told us of a District initiative to meet with the 33 companies in District with more than 500 employees to encourage them to form clubs and/or support representatives at local clubs.

He also told us that District membership has declined. However, there are two new clubs forming which is encouraging.

Upcoming Programs

- 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 - Lynda Waterhouse, campus president at Keiser University in Naples and new member, update on the college and its programs

Birthdays (Mar 28 - Apr 3)

Steven Slachta March 29
Jason Dolle March 31

Nancy Ross 30 years of Rotary Service

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5 Years ago

President **Tom Briers** presided. Week 39. **Ray Faubion** presented the invocation; **George Cohan** led the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Susan Hill** um'd and ah'd her way through the Four Way Test.

Song leader **Ron Anderson** lectured about the "Rotogravure" before leading us in singing *Easter Parade*.

8 Years ago

Last Wednesday we enjoyed and participated in what is becoming a most worthwhile and enjoyable Club tradition--our **mini golf outing** in support of Gift of Life. Thanks to **Bob Lombardo** and his Committee for their hard work in once again organizing and hosting a flawless event with a special and noble purpose.

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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