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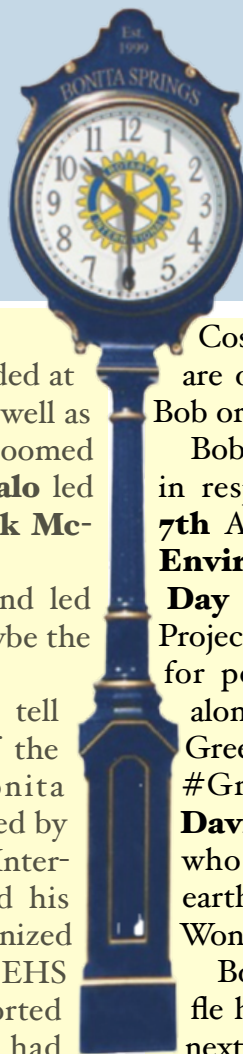
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Last Week Meeting

President **Bob Lombardo** presided at in-person meeting at Shangrli-La as well as a Zoom meeting. **Ray Faubion** zoomed in with the Invocation; **Joe Murgalo** led the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Mark McCaw** recited the Four Way Test.

Mark Generales introduced and led singing of *You Are My Sunshine*. Maybe the best sounding singing of the season!

Steve McIntosh zoomed in to tell us about the Students/Teachers of the month at Estero High and Bonita Springs High schools. He was helped by Brian who is President of the EHS Interact Club. Brian smoothly shared his zoom screen and had a nicely organized Power Point presentation of the EHS award recipients. Steve also reported that the RYLA weekend format had been modified but that one EHS junior had been able to attend.

Bob pitched the District's upcoming *A Night of 1,000 Paul Harris Fellows*. This will be Friday, May 21st at the Charlotte Harbor Event Center in Punta Gorda.

This Week's Meeting

Adam Botana

Live from Tallahassee

This Morning's Invocation

Almighty God, we thank you for life and all its components, both good and adverse, because through both we are strengthened.

We ask for wisdom and strength not our own in order to make our citizenship and our professional endeavors worthy examples of life lived with integrity and compassion.

We intercede for members of this and other clubs who are experiencing adversity of any kind. Sustain them by your grace and power. May they be uplifted and encouraged by the support of their colleagues and friends.

We offer thanks for the food and purposeful fellowship received here. We are grateful for the happy privilege of just being here. Amen

Cost is \$75/pp. Bob and Chris Riesen are organizing a table. Please contact Bob or Chris if you are interested.

Bob urged us all to "Plant Something" in response to Rotary's new 7th Area of Focus: **Supporting the Environment and celebrate Earth Day 2021** by participating in a "Green Project". 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. **David Webb** offered to have anyone who would like to help sustain the earth an opportunity to plant at The Wonder Garden.

Bob reported that the Reverse Raffle has been postponed probably until next year.

Joe Murgalo Time

Interim Sergeant-at-Arms **Joe** "the Mike" **Murgalo** took the floor. He welcomed **Mark McCaw** back from hibernation and offered a \$5 self-fine for not wearing a Rotary pin.

Joe organized a birthday Shout-Out for **Steven Slachta** and **Jason Dolle** and congratulated **Nancy Ross** on her 30 year anniversary of Rotary Service.

Club Assembly

The Club Assembly started with a discussion of fund raisers. **Bob** and **Nanci Landy** agreed to chair an effort to develop details for additional/alternative fund raisers.

Dave Shellenbarger floated the idea of charging \$25 vs \$18 for the poinsettias. That led **Jim Burger** to a discussion of next year's Christmas Tree sales operation. The tent will be larger and located in the middle of the plaza parking lot. The larger tent will facilitate a better presentation of the wreaths and poinsettias.

Jim outlined some ideas including a "First Weekend" kickoff of the sales, possibly tied in with the retailers in the plaza. He thinks next Christmas will be similar to last because of people's contin-



ued reluctance to travel. Jim reported that there have been discussions of how to involve the Wonder Gardens in the operation. He says the question is how to make the operation more festival-like and tied to local causes.

The April **First Thursday Social** will be **Wednesday**, April 7th, 6-8 pm at Momentum Brew-house hosted by **Paul Messino**. There will be a food truck outside. Paul, who is touted to an expert pie shell chef, will bring some really interesting offerings.

Bob reported we have recently added four new members. “They are great people with specific back-grounds that can enhance the club.” He says we will re-start Rotary Minutes so we can learn about old and new member’s backgrounds.

Eileen Tasso said that there are food packing events every weekend. There is social distancing practiced. It’s possible to have a group work at a Saturday packing event.

Mark Generales reported a “soft” opening of the visitor center at Lover’s Key. Our May, *First Thursday Social*, is planned for the park possibly tied in with another project.

Our “man from Italy”, **Marco Del Grosso**, reported the local temperature had reached 70° so he was enjoying some warmer weather and planning to plant either basil or an olive tree.

Bob brought up the idea of having a club **strategic plan**. Having a three to five year plan would avoid the problem of a restart each July 1st and provide continuity over future years. He appointed Next President **Kae Moore** to form a strategic planning committee.

Bob closed the meeting with, “I anticipated that fundraising would be a bust this year. But thanks to a really great effort by some members with fire in their bellies we did phenomenal with Christmas trees, the boat show, and poinsettias were great. So I’m very grateful the year is turning out the way it has. Thanks to all of you who volunteer. **Thank you all for making this year better than I ever expected.**”

Upcoming Programs

- 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 Unviversity in Naples and new member, update on the college and its programs

Birthdays (Apr 4 - Apr 10)
None

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Rotary Sings:
Take Me Out to the Ballgame

Take me out to the ball game,
Take me out to the fair --
Buy me some peanuts and Cracker Jacks,
I don’t care if I never get back!
We will root -- root -- root for the home team
If they don’t win it’s a shame;
For it’s one! two! three strikes you’re out!
At the old ball game.

Take me out to the ballgame.
First, let’s stop at the bank.
I’ll need a mortgage so I can pay.
Parking the car is another outlay.
And you can pay big bucks for a hotdog.
The cost of beer is insane.
First it’s Oh my!
Prices are high at the old ballgame.

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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