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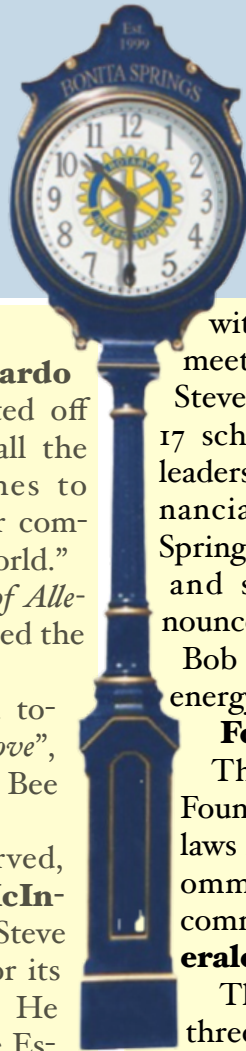
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Rotary 
May 26, 2021
Week 48

Last Week Meeting

President **Bob “OK” Lombardo** was at the controls. Bob started off with a prayer, “...praying that all the good work Rotarians do comes to fruition and helps people in our community, region, nation, and the world.”

Joe Murgalo led the *Pledge of Allegiance* and **Jim Fitzpatrick** recited the *Four Way Test* without crib notes.

Mark Generales introduced today’s song, “*How Deep is Your Love*”, and gave us a quick history of the Bee Gees and the song.

The crowd gave a well deserved, boisterous welcome to **Steve McIntosh** who was called up front. Steve said, “I always thank this club for its support of public education.” He then told us of the success of the Estero High School Interact program which was able to meet its goals for the year in spite of the Covid restrictions and kept the membership up to fifty

with regular attendance of 35 for zoom meetings.

Steve reported that at the EHS graduation, 17 scholarship awards had been made for leadership, scholarship, public service and financial need. The long awaited Bonita Springs High School graduation is coming and scholarships awarded will be announced then.

Bob thanked Steve for his leadership and energy in keeping these programs active.

Foundation Board Election

There will be two vacancies on the Foundation Board. The Foundation By-laws require a three person committee recommend people to fill the spots. The committee is **Chris Riesen, Mark Generales, and Brian Olitsky**.

The announcement must be made at three meetings. A member must nominate candidates. Send information to Chris Riesen.

At the election, there may be nominations from the floor. If none, the committee’s recommendations will be appointed.

Mark McCaw’s term as director will end in June. He has agreed to continue as Treasurer and continue to contribute his advice to the financial aspects of the Foundation.

Paul Harris Awards

Bob called **Chris Riesen** to the front and asked **Roger Brunswick** to unmute himself. Bob presented Roger with a PH+7 award to be delivered. Chris took the mike and presented Bob with a PH+4 award.

Joe Murgalo Time

Joe said “Mark Generales, we appreciate all the time you put into the songs. There’s nothing better than singing a love song at 7:30 in the morning.”

Joe noted there were no birthdays or visitors. He reminded everyone to check their cell phones off.

Scott Gerrish’s Happy\$ was that he had a new, replacement pacemaker implanted. Joe said, “I hope it’s faster than the last one.”

This Week’s Meeting
Dr. Ron Bowman,
former Leader of the Naples’ Opera

This Morning’s Invocation

Good and Gracious God, we pause to reflect upon what life would be like were it not for Your immeasurable love, grace, and generosity.

We give thanks for life itself, for minds to use in creative ways, and for hearts which generate compassion and love.

We are grateful for the capacity to worship, to work, and to use those gifts to bring honor and glory to Your name.

As we share today the material gift of food in the context of meaningful relationships, we are grateful for the spiritual realities of life which supersede the material, giving satisfaction to the soul.

With thankful hearts, we pray. Amen.



Last Week Program



Marjorie Rubacky introduced our speaker, **Brandon Robertson**. He is a well known Upright/ Electric Bassist, an active musician, and a prominent bandleader who has taken his band on multiple national tours, headlining at some of the top jazz venues in the country. His first album, *Bass'd on a true Story*, has reached #16 on the iTunes Top 200 jazz releases.

Brandon is also an advocate in jazz/Music Education presenting jazz clinics, workshops, masterclasses, and guest performances in schools k-12 throughout Florida, Georgia, and Texas. He received his Master of Music degree in jazz performance at FSU and is currently the Director of Jazz Studies and Director of the Basketball Band at the Bower School of Music at FGCU.

Brandon's topic was "*5 Myths about the origins of jazz*". He took us through a Zoom Power Point presentation discussing evidence that contradicted the common "myths."

Upcoming Programs

- May 26 - Annual Awards and Installation Reception, 5/26, 5:30 pm—8 pm, DeRomo's Banquet Room, \$50 per person.
- June 2 Elizabeth Fields Camp Florida
- June 9 Rachel Hutchison Animal Abuse Task Force, Lee County Sheriff
- June 16 Club Assembly
- June 23 Alex Greenwood, V.P. Lee Health Coconut Point
- June 30 Dr. Howard Freedman Florida Lions Eye Clinic

Birthdays (May 23 - May 29)

Marjorie Ettinger (rr) May 23
Ray Faubion May 29

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Amid mutterings of "fix"

Craig Stevens

drew the 8♥ for \$5

The 50/50 is

\$1,234.50

5 Years ago

Jon McLeod was the substitute Sergeant-at-arms for the day. He was backed up by **Vince** "The Enforcer" **Modarelli** as collector. Jon fined himself \$5 for an error in a seven day letter then fined for missing pins or name badges. He finished by picking on the SMACK* table for having no ladies, raising \$38 in fines.

*SMACK = Senior Men Acquiring Critical Knowledge

13 Years ago

President **Fred Partin** presided. **Jack Blake** delivered the invocation. **Roger Brunswick** led the Pledge of Allegiance and **Bill Oehler** led the 4 Way Test. **Steve Krchniak** directed a rousing performance of the Marine Corps Hymn, U.S. Air Force and Coast Guard Songs.

Our President welcomed **Gary Israel**, District 6960 Governor, as a guest.

Once again, **Roger Brunswick**, with a lively assist by **Steve Kaskie**, fulfilled Sergeant-at-Arms duties compassionately and with great vigor.

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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