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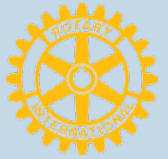
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Rotary



June 30, 2021

Week 53

President **Bob Lombardo** presided and presented the Invocation. **Brian Robinson**, Interact Club President, led the Four Way Test perfectly and **Joe Murgalo** led the *Pledge of Allegiance*. Song Leader **Mark Generales** conducted a rousing performance of *God Bless America*.

Rotarian of the Month



Bob presented his final Rotarian of the Month award to PP **Chris Riesen**. Bob said, "although this is a monthly award, Chris has done something special for the club every month this year."

This Week's Program
Dr. Howard Freedman
Florida Lions Eye Clinic

This Morning's Invocation

As we commemorate the courageous Declaration of Independence from which we have benefited, we acknowledge that real freedom is a fundamental spiritual gift to us.

Keep us from interpreting liberty as unrestrained freedom to be irresponsible.

Help us to understand and accept responsibility associated with chosen behavior.

Make us zealous to preserve our heritage and our traditions, to value highly the moral and spiritual foundations of our nation, of Rotary International, and our club.

Help us to use our freedom to do good for others rather than for personal gain.

We are grateful for the freedom to assemble without fear, to pursue honorable vocations without hindrances, and to be involved in whatever we choose for our families and ourselves.

Bless the gifts of food and fellowship today, that through both we might be sustained in service. Amen.

Interact Officers Citations



Steve McIntosh presented special citations to Estero High School Interact Club officers **Nathan Obrochta** and **Brian Robinson**.

Paul Harris recognition



John Spear (PH+4) and **Jason Dolle** (PH+1) smiled as they received their Paul Harris Fellow awards acknowledging their contributions to The Rotary Foundation.

Joe Murgalo Time

Joe thanked **Steve McIntosh** for his continuing support of our student programs, "I'm just moved every time you are involved, so thank you for what you do."

Joe introduced our guests, Brian Robinson's parents with "*Here's to you Mrs. Robinson*". He led a fine performance of Happy Birthday for **Matt Engblom** and accepted a late cash birthday contribution of \$xx from **John Spear**.

Bob Lombardo offered \$1 Happy\$ as, "The only dollar I have after last night's game."

Joe fined **Jason Dolle** \$5 as his entry fee for his first meeting since Covid and Joe coughed up \$1 for his Father's Day weekend with his daughters in Washington, D.C.

Last Week Program



Our Wednesday speaker was **Alex Greenwood**, Vice President of Lee Health responsible for the Coconut Point facility and the Orthopedics Service Line Director for Lee Health. Alex described Lee Health operations at the new Coconut Point facility and at the Bonita Community Health Center. He also explained the current “visioning” for development of the 47 acre parcel of land at the NW corner of US 41 and Coconut Road.

Report on Gift of Life

Several weeks ago, **Ron Anderson** gave a brief presentation regarding the Rotary Gift of Life (GOL) program. Ron is a member of the Florida GOL board of directors.

GOL has been providing **hope** to children with heart disease and **healing** little hearts around the world since 1975. Each year, 1.3 million children are born with congenital heart disease, and 93% are born in country that cannot care for them.

At first, children were brought to the U.S. for treatment. In 2009, GOL initiated the “*Our Hearts are in.*” program focused on developing sustainable pediatric cardiac programs in select emerging countries.

Together with like-minded partners, GOL has created such centers in Uganda and El Salvador, while



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continuing its work in Jamaica and Romania, helping to ensure that reliable care will be provided to children in Eastern Africa, Central America, the Caribbean and Eastern Europe.

There is a global network of 84 autonomous Gift of Life programs. More than 300 Rotary Clubs from 70 Rotary Districts support Gift of Life efforts around the world.

Our club had sponsored surgery in U.S. hospitals for five children from various countries in the past. Now the program has expanded to over 80 countries and the program has provided funding for **facilities** and **training** internationally. This expansion has facilitated life-saving surgery for almost 40,000 children.

The financial support of this club and many others has helped to make it possible.

GOL provides **hope** to children with heart disease and their families, **empowers** doctors and nurses to treat children in their country of birth, builds **sustainable** pediatric cardiac programs in emerging countries and expand our global reach through **partnerships** with like-minded organizations, maximizing the impact of our contributions.

Birthdays (June 27 - July 3)

Jim Dow (rr) June 30

Rick Barber July 2

Tom Burgess July 2

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when freemen shall stand
Between their lov'd home
and the war's desolation!
Blest with vict'ry and peace
may the heav'n rescued land
Praise the power that hath made
and preserv'd us a nation!
Then conquer we must,
when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto -
"In God is our trust,"
And the star-spangled banner
in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free
and the home of the brave.