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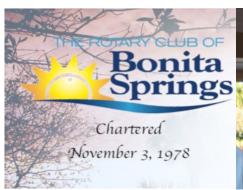
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Last Week Meeting

Ding, ding, ding. President **Kae Moore** started the meeting with a plea to "don't forget the Blue Buckets". **Bill Banfield** intoned the invocation; **Joe Murgalo** led the *Pledge of Allegiance*; and **Gary Price** recited with *Four Way Test* perfectly without the teleprompter.

Kae reminded us of the impending visit by **District Governor Andy Lyman** to our October 13th meeting. The Club Board will meet with Andy immediately after the club meeting.



The Honorable Adam Botana rose to report that our governor, showing good judgement, had appointed Bill Banfield to the FSW Board of Trustees.

Donna Mar- cotte led the singing of My Fa-

vorite Things. Kae told her "select any song you want. We can't sing anyway."

Kae recognized visitor **Ron Hubbard** who had an exchange club banner in hand. Ron has moved from near Washington, DC to SWFL. He is currently looking for a house and Rotary club. We would be pleased to have him join us.



Ron's club, Rotary Club of Fairfax, VA, presented him with a plaque last month, ""for you outstanding effort in building and maintaining Club Membership. 2004-2021."

His club's Facebook page had this farewell post, "We can't thank you enough, Ron Hubbard, for your unwavering dedication to building our club. Best of luck to you as you move to year-round sunnier and warmer climates. You will be missed, though we don't expect this is the last you'll hear from us!!!" [Probably when there's some snow and ice in DC. ed]

Joe Murgalo Time

Kae introduced Joe with great fanfare, but not quite Hail to the Chief. Joe said we had survived our first weekend of College football. He was eager to point that his alma mater, Maryland, had beaten **Tom Brier**'s home team, West Virginia.

Joe complained that Kae had deprived him of the chance to introduce visitor Ron Hubbard. Joe then discovered that Ron rooted for Virginia Tech and The Washington Football Team, nee Redskins. "I've been cheering for the Redskins since 1967, so you can be my favorite member of the club".

Tom Briers happy dollared that he and Joy will be joining **Bob Lombardo** and **Chris Riesen** and wives for two weeks in Italy.

Joe asked us to keep the 9-11 victims and families in our prayers as we neared the 20 year anniversary.

This Week Program

Mary Kay Mueller

Author: Taking care of me: The Habits of Happiness

This Morning's Invocation

Lord, we thank you for this day and all the blessings you have bestowed on us.

We are especially grateful for all the friends and colleagues gathered here this morning.

We ask you to bless this food to our use and us to your service. Amen.

Last Week Program

David Webb introduced our speaker, **Marco Acosta**, manager of FGCU's flourishing *Food Forest*.

Marco had invested about 20 years in the information technology field when he decided to take an entry-level horticulture class. He'd always enjoyed growing things but didn't realize at the time that he was planting the seed for a significant career change.



Marco Acosta

From indoor, climate-controlled offices, he transplanted himself into the elements outdoors. The hardware he works with now? Not servers and desktop computers but chainsaws, pitchforks and pruners.

The Food Forest is a student-run botanical garden which highlights tropical/subtropical edi-

ble species that grow well in South Florida.

The FGCU Food Forest works to advance the mission of the university through offering unique and innovative educational and service learning opportunities for students, alumni, staff, faculty, and community members and through enhancing awareness of sustainable food production and whole food nutrition.



Furthermore, the Food Forest seeks to elevate the environmental sustainability of the institution through providing organic fruits and vegetables to the campus and southwest Florida communities.

Ultimately, through engaging the hands, hearts, and minds of students, alumni, staff, faculty, and community members, the Food Forest will offer a space for the cultivation of lifelong learning and for a commitment to sustainable food and living practices.

Though the Food Forest is run by students for students, this garden is open to the community sunrise to sunset. The Food Forest is housed in the Department of Integrated Studies.

Next Week Program

David Webb

The Wonder Gardens-Annual Report and Updates

Birthdays (Sep 12-Sep 18)
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Wait 'til next week

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John Flammang "Picking the Joker is not as easy as it might seem."

Last Week

The **50/50** is **\$2,509**, 3 cards left

5 Years ago

Brian Olitsky stepped forward to announce a 5k run on Saturday, November 19th at 8:30 am before the Taste of Bonita. He says we will have help from the Estero Cross Country team and the DDD running club.

Gary Price confessed that he and Trish will be celebrating their 13th dating anniversary soon with a planned trip to the Bubble Room on Captiva.

Saturday, October 30, 2021 2 - 7 pm at the Rotary Club of Englewood Youth Foundation Campground, Venice, FL.



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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