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Last Week Meeting

President **Kae Moore** tolled us into the meeting. **Ken Lahey** presented the Invocation; **Joe Murgalo** led the *Pledge of Allegiance*; and prospective member **Ron Hubbard** led us in the *Four Way Test* with flair.

Song Leader Emeritus Dr. **Stephan P. Krchniak**, PhD stepped forward to substitute for the Acting Substitute Song Leader, **Donna Marcotte**.



Steve came without pre-printed lyrics. He offered the group the choice of *God Bless America* or *When the Saints Go Marching In*. The group chose *God Bless America*.

Steve gave instructions, puffed on his pitch pipe, and led a fine rendition of GBA. Kae said, “Ladies and gentlemen, that was **one of our best performances**. Steve you are a leader.”

Kae’s Comments

Kae reported that there was a discussion of resuming Zoom meetings at the last Board meeting. No conclusion was reached. However, **Jim Fitzpatrick** and **Rob Cooper** have been asked to study the technology options available in hopes of developing an efficient and effective way of using technology software and equipment.

With respect to Covid, there are some members who would like to attend but are fearful right now. The club is not taking sides on the mandate/no mandate issues. “We’re just trying to keep everyone healthy the best we can.

“I am one of those people who believes that Rotary should be non-partisan and doesn’t have a religious bias. We’re just trying to serve our community. We’re not involved in politics as a club. Let’s make sure we keep everything non-partisan.

“A great example of this was when **Adam Botana** spoke to us in July. He did a wonderful job of telling us what was going on. He didn’t say anything about the republican

or democratic party. He talked about what he was doing and a little about the working life of a state representative.”

There will be a **work day** at the **Bonita Elementary School** Saturday morning October 9th, 8 am to 12 noon. Many hands are needed. Grandkids and friends are welcome to help.

Brad Piotrowski will be heading up the club’s effort for *Farm City*. There is a very good payout for our participation. Brad will need **two helpers** on Wednesday, November 24th (day before Thanksgiving) to take care of our commitment.

Wendy Arsenault, Queen of the EZ Cash, said she is “hoping to sell a lot of tickets before Chris Riesen gets back, just to prove myself.” She asks that we bring in the ticket stubs. The first drawing will be in November.

Brian Olitsky reported that the Rotary Scholarship kids are doing well at UCF. **Steve McIntosh** stood up to report that another of Brian’s sons, Jordan, is an officer in the Estero High School Interact Club. Steve says, “During the Covid year the club performed 750 community service hours. Now has 45 kids meeting after school hours. There’s a good group of future Rotarians coming through. Thank you so much for the support you have given.”

This Morning’s Invocation

Almighty God, by whose grace and goodness we have been abundantly blessed, by whose standards we are called to live, and by whose summons we are called to serve, we gather again for this opportunity to fulfill the obligations and opportunities we have as Rotarians.

We pray for members of our Club and their families who are carrying burdens of illness, bereavement, loneliness, or their disruptions in their lives. Grant comfort, strength, faith and perseverance in dealing with adversities being experienced.

Bless now our table fellowship and the food prepared for our enjoyment and physical need. We are grateful for these and all blessings received because of your grace and goodness. Amen.

Joe Murgalo Time

"I've got time to kill. After hearing Kae's non-partisan speech outlining what we can talk about, that basically leaves nothing but sports."

Joe fined **Don Thomson** \$1 for being late. He lamented the lack of Birthdays for the second week in row. He took a Happy\$ from **Nanci Landy** who has defected from the New England Patriots fan club to support Tom Brady and the Bucs.

Last Week Speaker



David Webb introduced our speaker **Mary Kay Mueller**. She is "A speaker and trainer who can help increase your employee retention, boost morale, and re-energize your team."

She is an International trainer, coach and author who began her professional life as a high school teacher and a mother when she spent a month in a domestic violence shelter. There, from the depths of despair, she experienced life-changing insights.

Mueller saw that we are not victims because the power to effect change is always within us. From this bold foundation, she began a support group with five neighbors which quickly grew to hundreds meeting to hear her message each week. Her simple and practical empowerment skills brought those who heard them a new sense of freedom and happiness.

She gave us encouragement try some of her "33 Ways to Take Care of Me" and left us with the challenge question, "Are you taking better care of others that you are of yourself?"

This Week Program

David Webb

The Wonder Gardens- Annual Report and Updates

Next Week Program

Meg Norcia

Manager of the Roots of Compassion & Kindness program

Birthdays (Sep 19- Sep 25)

Nanci Landy Sept 22

Wedding Anniversary

Ray Faubion 40 years

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Last Week

Bill Banfield



Left us the Joker

The **50/50** is \$2,639, 2 cards

5 Years ago

Troubadour and Next President **Jon McLeod** clanged the meeting to order. **Bobbi Bird** presented the invocation; **Roger Brunswick** led the Pledge of Allegiance; and the Steeler Fans tag team of **Len Eckert** and **Vince Modarelli** delivered a well coordinated Four Way Test for "...all Steeler Fans".

Song Leader **Wayne Hemstead** led us through the singing of Frank Sinatra's "I've Got the World on a String". Wayne sang well but didn't get much support.

The **50/50** was \$2,406 with 3 cards remaining.

10 Years ago

Last week President **Jim O'Leary** introduced **Bob Lombardo** who provided an interesting and current demographic report on our Club.

Here are some details—we currently have 90 members in our Club, 71.2% are working and 28.8% are retired. Our average age is 59.8 years. Our mean age is 62, our youngest member being 31 and our oldest 90. 85% of us are males and 15% are females. Thanks Bob for your work in this area.

[We now have 79 members; Median age is 70; 20% of the members are women..ed]

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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