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Last Week Meeting

President **Kae Moore** “All Rise’d” the meeting to order. **Ron Anderson** presented the Invocation; **Joe Murgalo** led the *Pledge of Allegiance*; and **Larry Vars** (rr) from Vermont recited the *Four Way Test*.



Kae presented the September **Rotarian of the Month** award to **David Webb** noting, “You did a tremendous job in leading us with programs during the month of September.” [and had the screens up and running when needed. ed]

Substitute Song Leader **Donna Marcotte** claims this is her last week as song picker. We sang *This Land is Your Land* with a strong finish.

Kae welcomed back **Mike Poff**, **Dave Shellenbarger**, and **Larry Vars** (rr).

Kae praised the workers who showed up for the Bonita Springs Elementary School **Cleanup Day**. He singled out **Laura Carr** who worked spreading mulch, painting, and using a leaf blower. Kae reported the school’s maintenance chief was amazed that people would come out and work like that.

Announcements

Farm City BBQ. There will be **no club meeting** on Wednesday, November 24th. That is the day of the 65th annual Farm City BBQ at Roberts Ranch in Immokalee. **Lynda Waterhouse** has \$25 tickets, currently BOGO on the first 100 tickets, for this annual festival with great food, drink, and fellowship. **Dave Langendorfer** has made a contribution to the Foundation to support this effort.

Roberts Ranch was originally home to cattleman Robert Roberts and his family. It

is a 13-acre historic site and museum, the longest running ranch in South Florida, providing visitors with a rare opportunity to experience daily working life on a Southwest Florida pioneer homestead and citrus grove from the early 1900s.

Matt Engblom rose to announce his company’s sponsorship of **The Shelter** for abused women and children. September 15 to October 31 has been designated as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. They are actively seeking **donations of items** needed by adults and children at the Shelter. More information at naplesshelter.org. Bring any donations to the meetings.

Jim Burger reported on the upcoming **Christmas Tree Sales** effort. There is a shortage trees this year. Our best selling trees are 7’-8’. We ordered 200 and we’re probably only going to get 1/3. Our costs will be higher due to increased shipping costs. We will need to carefully consider the pricing to be sure we don’t overprice the trees.

The wholesalers and distributors are expecting a good year for tree sales. We are offering three levels of sponsorships at \$300, \$200, or \$150. The sponsorships include public recognition on our web site, signage, and complimentary goods. We are diligently working about improving our signage See Jim to sponsor.

We’re hoping to have the tent set up week of November 10th, infrastructure in place by the 20th, and first delivery on the 22nd or 23rd. The second delivery will be the 30th and closing on or before December 17th.

News from Headquarters

Chris Riesen, Assistant District Governor, had several announcements:

EZ Cash ticket stubs need to be turned in. The **first drawing will be November 3.**

..... from the district:

District Luau October 30th 2-7 pm, Venice.



Gift of Life November 6th 5:30-9 pm.
Music, dinner, dancing Forest Country Club, Ft Myers.

sign up on **DACdb** or call **Chris**.

The **Noon** club is putting on **Bonita Fest** Saturday November 20th from 3 to 9 pm. Music and food. We'll have a tent at the venue.

The **Bonita Beach Sunset Club** is sponsoring "Whiskey, Wine and Western" on December 4th at the Bonita Springs YMCA. Proceeds to benefit Better Together and the Foundation of Bonita Beach Sunset Rotary.

Chris recommended the documentary, *The Girl Who Wore Freedom*, the untold WWII stories of the men, women, and children of Normandy, France, who lived through German occupation, the D-Day invasion, and the liberation by Allied forces.

Joe Murgalo Time

Joe told a story of his trying to fly to Washington, DC for a wedding. No, he wasn't on Southwest. After a planned early flight was delayed, he got to DC about 2 am the next morning and found the rental car company out of cars. He finally got to his destination about 5 am.

Joe introduced a visitor whose hostess, **Nancy Ross**, "is busily filling out a membership application". Birthday Boy **Scott Anderson** was not present.

Bob Lombardo reported "Even though he told me not to tell anyone" that **Steve McIntosh** had by-pass surgery, is home, recovering, did well.

New Dues and Meal Cost

There was handout memo on the tables outlining the changes in dues and meal prices in returning to Bonita Bay as approved by the Board of Directors. We **expect to meet** at Bonita Bay on Wednesday, November 3rd.

The new dues structure **will start** with the January 1 quarterly billing. The meal charge of \$25/meeting will begin on November 3rd for those **who pay** at the door.

Starting January 1st, the quarterly dues will be \$65/quarter. Active members who pre-pay for meals will be billed \$377.50/quarter. Rule of 85, Leave of Absence, and Rotary Regulars will pay \$25/meal at the door.

Birthdays (Oct 17 - Oct 23)
John Flammang Oct 21

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Scott Gerrish had the first winning ticket and took the Wisconsin Beer



Len Eckert drew the Ace ♦ for \$100

This Morning's Invocation

Good and gracious God, in the midst of the massive, contrasting, colorful organization called Rotary, please honor the efforts of single individuals as well.

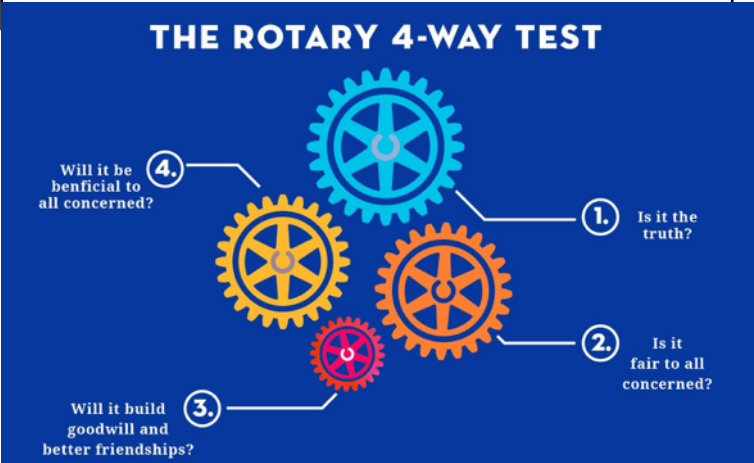
No matter what our station may be, help us to be diligent and faithful wherever in Your Providence we find ourselves. Help us to be true to the values we espouse as Rotarians.

Strengthen us as we persevere in efforts to reclaim the virtue which have been trampled by the rush of secularism in our society.

As we share our meal today, we are reminded again of the blessings and provisions of our needs, which are ultimately traceable to Your Goodness.

Bless also the fellowship we enjoy and the good we seek to do through our club. Amen.

This Week Program
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