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November 10, 2021
Week 19

Last Week Meeting

President **Kae Moore** tinkled on glassware to get the meeting started. We were back on the red carpet at Bonita Bay Club. **Jim Horein** offered a “spiritual moment”; **Joe Murgalo** led the *Pledge of Allegiance*; and **Ray Faubion**, newly returned from Leave of Absence, recited the *Four Way Test* flawlessly.

Mark Generales, who just completed a 3 month, 13 state tour, led singing of Ricky Nelson’s *Travelin’ Man*. Mark reported that he was pleased with the optimism expressed by the folks he met along the way.



Larry Vars (rr) is helping with Christmas Tree Sales. He is coordinating a newly established Christmas Tree Delivery program. Deliveries of trees will be \$100. He is looking for truck or trailer owners to volunteer to provide the service.

Larry is PDG of District 7850, one of the few international Rotary districts. District 7850 extends from northern Vermont and Northern New

Hampshire to the Eastern Townships of Quebec, with both English and French speaking clubs.

The district now includes forty (42) clubs with twenty-five clubs in Vermont, eleven in New Hampshire; four in Quebec; and one that spans the USA-Canada border, RI’s first international club.

Farm City BBQ.

Lynda Waterhouse is handling tickets for the event, Wednesday, November 24th. Tickets are \$25 with **BOGO** for the first 100 tickets sold. Remember there will be no club meeting that day.

Brad Piotrowski is in charge of volunteers for the event. He is asking for donations of items or services for a silent auction fund raiser at the BBQ.

Other Stuff

Ellen Ghelardi, President of the Rotary Club of Fort Myers Sunset, told us about a community service opportunity jointly sponsored by the LCSO and her club. There will be a **Community Bike Build** Friday, November 12, 3:30 - 6 pm at the Sheriff’s Office at Miramar Outlets.

Eileen Tasso is looking for volunteer(s) to handle the 50/50 ticket sales at the check in desk. There will be a SignUp Genius solicitation. See Eileen for any details.

Craig Stevens reported on Poinsettia sales. He says about 1/2 of the flowers ordered are spoken for. **Jim Horein** has sold 361. Get your order forms in to Craig.

Danny, our long time server from Bonita Bay, said, “We are happy to have everyone back”.

Today was the **first** EZ Cash drawing, \$100, \$250, and \$500 winners. 33 more drawings to go. **Chris Riesen** thanked **Wendy Arsenault** and **Eileen Tasso** for their work in getting ready for the drawings.



First Thursday Social at T42 hosted by Alan and Marjo White

Joe Murgalo Time

Joe introduced guests and welcomed **Jim Renfro** and **Bob Rosier** back to the meeting. Then he organized a *Happy Birthday to You* for **Dave Shellenbarger** and recognized **Rex Sims** for 63 years in Rotary.

Bob Lombardo rose to praise **Steve McIntosh's** long time success with the Interact program at EHS.

The Interact Club is starting a community service project providing lunches at Centennial Park and needs donations of money, Peanut butter, Jelly, individually wrapped salty snacks (goldfish, cheez-its, chips etc), individually wrapped sweet snacks (cookies, rice Krispy treats, trail mix), sandwich size zip-locs, and brown bag lunch bags.

Bob then reported on a Happy Birthday greeting from RI and said, "I'm so proud of this club. It's an amazing club, not ordinary. **We are a special Rotary Club.**"

Joe then accepted Happy\$ including one from **Nanci Landy** who demanded change.

Last Week Program

Nanci Landy introduced **Dominique Mobley**, *Make A-Wish* Community Engagement Coordinator-Southwest Florida. Dominique told us about Make A-Wish. They have two events coming up:

Wishmaker's Starfishes and Wishes Party, January 29, 2022 at The Ritz-Carlton, Naples.

Mac & Cheese Challenge, April 3, 2022 at Shangri-La, Bonita Springs.

5 Years ago

Peter Ferner, visiting Rotarian from Bavaria, reported that his club would be celebrating its 50th anniversary. He played us a "signal" on his Bavarian Hunting Horn. "I hope these sounds will be beneficial to your ears." Thank you, Peter.

10 Years ago

Shots for Tots

Dick Fredrickson offered a *Shots for Tots Report..* **Scott Gerrish** (rr) and his wife **Amalia** assisted in the effort which saw 19 families with 32 children receiving immunizations. Dick is also looking for a volunteer to assist with the December 6 session. If you can help, please let Dick know...and thanks to all who support this most worthy and venerable of Club projects.

Birthdays (Nov 7 - Nov 13)

Bob Lombardo Nov 10

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50/50 is still \$500?



Ken Lahey had the first winner and drew the 6 ♣



Jim Renfro shown with Marjorie Ruback got the Wisconsin Beer.

This Morning's Invocation

Lord of the Past and Present, as we experience Veterans Day this week, we acknowledge with gratitude and awe, the providential favor you have shown toward our country.

In solemn remembrance we salute with pride the military veterans who gave themselves in personal sacrifice, to win and to preserve the freedom represented in so many ways.

We pray for men and women now serving in armed forces. Surround them, we pray, with your protective providence. Help us all to be loyal citizens as we rededicate ourselves to the values and virtues which made our nation great.

Now bless, we pray, our club proceedings, our meal and our friendship. Keep us true to our historic purposes. Amen.

This Week Program

Dale Mullen

Wounded Warriors

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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