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Last Week Meeting

"All Rise", President **Kae Moore** got the meeting started. **Donna Flammang** presented the Invocation; **Joe Murgalo** led the *Pledge of Allegiance*; and new member **Traci Kohler** read the *Four Way Test* perfectly.

Song leader **Mark Generales** had a 1963



Beach Boys Christmas song, *Little Saint Nick*. After a short history lesson, Mark brought up **Chris Riesen** with his deep bass voice to provide a bit of harmony.

Jim Burger

reported about 75 trees left. He hopes to get the rest sold by the end of the weekend, but he needs help at the tent Saturday and Sunday.

Nancy Ross and **Gary Price**, President and Trustee of the Foundation respectively, specifics came forward and invited the four sheriff's deputies in attendance to come up. The Foundation had donated \$2,400 to the *"Shop with a Deputy"* program.

Captain **Blake Lee** explained the program. Deputy **Ortino** told us that we had helped 54 kids go shopping.

Kae said, "This is what we do. Over the last 15 months we have donated over \$125,000 to our community and the world."

Kae has "Rotary at Work" T-shirts. Look through his stash for your size and wear it to events.

Adam Botana reported that the Bonita Springs Boat Parade will be Saturday, Dec 11th, at 5:30 pm. Y'all are invited to the Boat Club Marina to view the parade.

Adam spoke about the Reverse Raffle looking for a volunteer(s) to take over leadership of the event. **Bob Lombardo** said, "**George Cohan**, founder of the event, has offered to consult and provide background specifics."

Joe Murgalo Time

Joe told Kae that the Pentagon had been monitoring Kae, saw him with the helmet, and made a quick decision to award him a Commemorative Purple Heart "in recognition of your life threatening nose-dive while performing duties at the Christmas Tree Tent."



It was **Bob Landy's** birthday. Joe looked at the birthday check, said "It's a sizable amount". Then Joe organized a Happy Birthday to You singing.

Diane Ewing rose to thank all who showed up at the tent for the Christmas Party on Friday night. "Lots of kids had a lot of fun. Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus did a great job."

Ron Anderson was finally able to give a Happy\$ for Michigan's football victory over The Ohio State.

Traci Kohler offered a special thank you for the clubs donation of toys for school kids. "These students will be thrilled to have a toy for Christmas."

Eileen Tasso offered 2 Happy\$. First, she had received 750 *Josh the Otter* books as the result of a matching grant with a Fort Myers Club. Second, she offered thanks to Rotarians helping at the Food Pantry. "It really makes a lot difference to have the extra hands."

Bob Landy said, "Nanci and I have worked at the Christmas Tree Tent and really enjoyed it. I have to tell you it's a great day when Jewish people can tell customers what kind of Christmas tree to buy."

Nancy Ross, President of the Foundation Trustees, reminded us of the Wheelchair program going on. Please give a check to **Gary Price** so we can get the matching grant. The wheel chairs will be sent to Nassau.



Last Week Program



Eileen Tasso introduced our speaker, Rotarian **Belinda Rodebaugh** of the Siesta Key club. Belinda politely said our club sings better than her club.

Since joining Rotary, Belinda has an impressive record of accomplishments in club and district endeavors.

Her topic was “Rotary Powered Energy Security”. She led off showing the International Energy Agency’s conclusion that solar power is now the cheapest electricity in history. The IEA says, “The technology is cheaper than coal and gas in most major countries.”

Belinda described the real issues before us:

Will we change?

Not can we - that answer is yes. Will we?

Will we actively engage in:

doing good for ourselves, our community, the long term economy, the environment, and the future.

5 Years ago

Roger “Good Morning Rotarians” **Brunswick** was Sergeant-at-Arms. He started by fining the men-only table, warned **Eileen** and **GT** about spouses sitting at the same table, and garnered a couple of bucks for late arrivals.

Roger pointed out **Adam Botana**’s two pages of publicity and ads in the Spotlight. Roger noted there was no reference to Rotary in them and fined Adam \$5.

10 Years ago

In anticipation of our Club’s gala Christmas Party, next week, **Mark McCaw** donated an interesting sized bottle of vodka to Party Co-Chair, **George Cohan**. George promised to maintain and preserve the integrity of the bottle contents through December 17th. See you all at the Party—it promises to be a great time.

Birthdays (Dec 12-Dec 25)

Carl Nickel Dec 22

Peter O’Flinn Dec 23

Scott Gerrish Dec 25

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Craig Stevens showed off his six pack of the special Wisconsin Beer



Mike Poff could smile even though he drew the 5♠

This Morning’s Invocation

Most Holy God, to whom we turn in the midst of Christmas and Hanukkah celebrations, we are thankful for the meaning of these holidays.

In our respective worship situations outside of Rotary, we pray that inspiration may be gained to better fulfill our Rotarian calling of looking to the needs of others. Make us zealous to accomplish more.

Bless all special family gatherings held during these holidays. Bless our guests who have come to share with us. With grateful hearts we acknowledge the gift of food and the opportunity for fellowship.

Keep us in your loving care until we meet again. Amen.

This Week Program

Dr Alan White PhD
International Criminal Justice

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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