



The Spoke



March 2nd, 2022

Last Week Meeting

Ding, Ding, Ding, President **Kae Moore** opened the meeting. **Brad Piotrowski** presented the invocation; **Joe Murgalo** led the *Pledge of Allegiance*; and **Phil Goss** (rr) recited the *Four Way Test*.

Mark Generales told us of his “way back” days as a surfer in Southern California before leading us in singing *Ventura Highway*. Kae said, “Mark, you are amazing.”

Kae asked “What was the name of the drive-in in Indianapolis on 38th street out by the fairgrounds?” Google searches were on. And the answer is?

Kae called Past President **Bob Lombardo** forward to receive a patch, “***District Governor’s Award***”, and a **citation** from Rotary International. Both were earned during Bob’s term as Club President 2020-2021. The presentations had been delayed to Covid restrictions.



The DG's award was in recognition of all the things we had accomplished together. The DG said that the citation from RI was "**the big one**". Kae was supposed to go to Taiwan to get it but the convention was cancelled. It was awarded for the Club's efforts in helping Rotary open up opportunities in people's lives all over the world.

Kae praised Bob who as a Past President had stayed involved in the club and is a member of the Foundation Board as well as a Director on the Club Board.

Bob then showed a video featuring the late **Steve Agius** that was prepared to encourage Rotarians to attend the Rotary Leadership Institute programs. The programs are mandatory for some future club leaders and are available to all members. The club will pay any fees, attendees are responsible for transportation, meals, and lodging.

Announcements

Jim Fitzpatrick came forward to extol the pleasures of the upcoming Reverse Raffle. Each Rotarian is expected to sell three tickets at \$150/ea. The ticket entitles a couple to attend a great event with live music, great menus selected by **Joe Murgalo**, and a chance to win \$10,000 grand prize or several smaller prizes.

Kae announced that March "First Thursday" will be at the Wonder Gardens, March 3rd, 6 - 8 pm. One of hosts will be **David Webb**.

Joe Murgalo Time

Joe started with a commercial for the Reverse Raffle, “..dinner for two, open bar, my company which is priceless, and dancing to live music. It’s a lot of fun. You need to divide the \$150 by 2 [for the] per person cost. In today’s world it’s pretty cheap.”

He introduced visitors then accepted a Birthday check for \$100 from **Steve McIntosh** who is not yet 100 and organized a Shout Out for him.

Bob Lombardo offered a Happy\$ greeting to **Rex Sims** who was at the meeting. **Andy Frech’s** Happy\$ was a wish that “Mark Generales would pick a song from my generation like Blue Suede Shoes or Johnny Be Good.”

Steve McIntosh offered praise for his wife, **Connie**, who has chaired the fund raising at the Wonder Gardens over the last 7 years. She has raised over \$600,000 over the years.

Wendy Arsenault reported that her son Mike who suffered serious back and neck injuries had his physical check last week and is doing awesome physically, great healing, the doctors are very happy.



Club member **Dave Shel-lenbarger** held up a copy of Rex Sims’ newly published mystery, *The Tragedy at Safety Harbor*. “This is Rex’s third book. It is a great book to read and it’s a great gift for your friends.”



Teacher/Student of the Month

Kae shown with the Bonita Springs High School Teacher of the Month, **Christine Bobick**, and Student of the Month, **Marsha Foreman**.

Christine said, “Marsha is a special person in many ways. She will do anything for anyone and she doesn’t even have to think twice about it. I wish all of our students could be like this.”

Program Last Week

Steve McIntosh was the presenter of a report on the **Estero High School Leadership Academy** a program that he has developed and conducted over the last eight years.

It takes the participants “to the infrastructure of the community so they recognize that things like schools don’t just pop out of the ground...The program has gained considerable acceptance.”

The program has 12 students chosen from 45 to 50 applications. There are 7 full day Friday sessions.

The Objectives:

Establish a forum for selected students to hone their leadership skills

Familiarize participants with critical community topics and professions

Provide models and examples of leadership excellence

Strengthen teamwork among the participants

Rules of Engagement

Professional dress

Appropriate introductions and name tags always on the right

One excused absence

Handwritten thank you notes to all involved

The topics include Public Safety, Environment, Tourism and the Arts, Education, Health Care, Government and Media, and Social Issues. It's a great program preparing future leaders.

Today's Program
Dr. Michael Martin,
President, FGCU

Upcoming Programs

- Mar 3. First Thursday Social, 6 - 8 pm.
Wonder Garden
- Apr 6. District Governor Andy
Lyman. Apr 7. First Thursday.
TBD
- Apr 23. Annual Reverse Raffle. Dinner,
entertainment, \$12,000 prizes

Birthdays (Feb 27- Mar 5)
Jim Renfro Mar 2

The 50/50 is \$1,450±



**Last Week
Nanci Landi drew the 8♣
for \$5**



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