



The Spoke



March 16th, 2022

Last Week Meeting

President **Kae Moore** started by recognizing “lots of famous people with us today”. He singled out PP **Jim Dati, Julie Pedretti**, and **Juan Teodoro**. **Ken Lahey** presented the Invocation; **Joe Murgalo** led us in the *Pledge of Allegiance*; and **Craig Stephens** led *The Four Way Test*.

Well, **Mark Generales**, in response to requests from some senior members, brought back memories with the singing of “*Does Your Chewing Gum Lose its Flavor on the Bedpost Overnight?*”. There were several comments of “amazing” from the floor.

Announcements

This month’s **Interact Club project** is the Harry Chapin two mile Walk for Hunger. All Interact members are contributing \$5.00 of their own money, and are responsible for finding donors to support their walk. If you are interested in making a pledge, please email Steve McIntosh no later than March 31 at drssmo225@gmail.com.

Bob Lombardo came forward to explain the workings of contributing to the **Rotary Ukraine Disaster Relief Fund**. Our club’s Foundation will match up to \$5,000 of member donations. In order to get proper recognition for your donation please make the check out to **The Foundation of the Rotary Club of Bonita Springs**.

Jim Horein stood up, grabbed the microphone, and gave us a pep talk about the upcoming **Reverse Raffle**. Jim is the collector of ticket stubs and said, “Please

don't wait until the last minute. I get so nervous and so anxious.”

Kae announced that he had received word that PP **Stephanie Kissinger** has been released from the ICU after a long stay.



Nick Bazan of the Naples Bay Rotary Club came to our meeting today and asked that we join his club at the “**Caribbean Culinary Caper**” fundraiser on Saturday, March 26, 2022 at the Lely Resort. More information may be found at:

<https://naplesbayrotary.org/calendar/>

Installation Banquet

Eileen Tasso announced the annual Installation Banquet will be **Thursday, May 12th**, at the Bonita Bay Club. Save the date. More details to come.

Joe Murgalo Time

Joe introduced visitors and commented on the high price of gasoline.

Rex Sims is still wheeling his carryon bag with his latest mystery novel and says, "I've got to sell some books. I need to stop and buy 5 gallons of gas on the way home."

Visiting Rotarian "**Cricket**" reported that she had come to Bonita for a visit, bought a house, and is now a "seasonal" resident. Be kind when you see her Kansas license plate in traffic.

Joe looked at Birthday Boy **Len Eckert**'s hairdo and said, "I'm gonna fine **Bill Banfield** for his long hair next time he's here." Len mulled the idea of all younger than him singing. Then decided there weren't any so opted for a Happy Birthday Shout Out.

Last Week Program



Our speaker was **Ray Sandelli**, Lee County Commissioner for District 3. The district includes Fort Myers Beach, Estero, and Bonita Springs. He was originally appointed by Governor Ron DeSantis following the

passing of his predecessor in 2019 and was then elected in the 2020 campaign.

Ray is a proud veteran whose service to our country began as a naval officer and aviator. He deployed aboard the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Independence, served as training command instructor and a final tour as a member of the Navy's Flight Demonstration Squadron, the Blue Angels.

Following his military service, Ray began a forty-year career in the private sector with the world's largest commercial real estate firm, CBRE. He held sales and senior management assignments in major markets from coast to coast including responsibility for all Florida operations and locally based CRE Consultants.

He noted that Lee, Collier, and Charlotte Counties have about 1.4 million people and we need to be planning for 2 million. "And people seem to be brought up short by that. ..We aren't against growth, we want to manage growth."



Today's Program

Sue Schad, Gulf Coast Literary Council

Upcoming Programs

- Mar 23. Annual Rotary Regulars meeting
- Mar 30. Susan Bridges, President of the
Centers for the Arts.
- Apr 6. District Governor Andy Lyman.
- Apr 7. First Thursday Social, 6-8 pm. TBA
- Apr 13. Angel Cerritos, Bonita Springs YMCA
- Apr 20. Dr. Leah Mason Bonita Spring High
School Athletic Director
- Apr 23. Annual Reverse Raffle. Dinner,
entertainment, \$12,000 prizes
- Apr 27. Tiffany Esposito, Bonita Springs
Chamber of Commerce

Birthdays (Mar 13 - Mar 19)
None

The 50/50 is \$1,600±



Last Week
Duke Downey drew the
J♦ for \$5



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