

Rotary Disaster Relief Fund for Ukraine

You all should have received an email from District Governor Andy Lyman this morning requesting funds for the Rotary Disaster Relief Fund to benefit the people of Ukraine.

Please hold off sending funds directly to the Fund as we have a plan to send the funds through The Rotary Foundation directed to the Disaster Relief Fund.

Please bring a check payable to The Rotary Club of Bonita Springs (not the Foundation) to this Wednesday's meeting.

If you are not attending the meeting on Wednesday please send a check as soon as possible to The Rotary Club of Bonita Springs, PO Box 474, Bonita Springs, FL 34133.

Your donation will reach the people in need in Ukraine through Rotary channels insuring that they are used properly.

Your donation will also count for Paul Harris credit.

More to come.
Best to all,

Bob Lombardo on behalf of Kae Moore and
your Board



The Spoke



March 2nd, 2022

Last Week Meeting

President **Kae Moore** started the meeting by revealing the answer to last week's quiz. The name of the drive-in on 38th St. in Indianapolis was The Pole. **Bob Landy** presented the Invocation; **Joe Murgalo** led the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Steve Krchniak** treated us to singing the Four Way Test.

Song Guru **Mark Generales** brought Elvis and a Hound Dog to the room with pretty good participation from the gathered throng.

Presentations

Herb Barnes Heart of Rotary Award



Bob Lombardo came forward to tell us some history of the “*Herb Barnes Heart of Rotary Award*”. This award is occasionally given to a Rotary Regular who has gone above and beyond in participating in club activities.

Diane Ewing, leader of the Rotary Regulars helped as Bob presented the award to **Larry Vars**. Larry

earned the award in recognition of his work for the club this season.

Larry is PDG of District 7850 covering parts of New Hampshire, Vermont, and Quebec, Canada. He and his wife, Joan, have been very visible helping out with club projects this season.

Certificate of Appreciation



Pictured are **Trish Leonard**, owner of TLC Marketing, and Co-chairs of the Boat Show **Bob Lombardo** and **Mark Generales**. They presented Trish with a Certificate of Appreciation for her sponsoring the food tent at the Boat Show.

Rotarian of the Month



Kae called **Mike Poff** forward to receive the *Rotarian of the Month* mug. Mike was chair of the successful Poinsettia Sale and is now chairing the Annual Reverse Raffle, April 23rd.

\$30,000 to the Foundation



The profits from the Club's projects are transferred to the Club's Foundation, a 501 C(3) corporation. The Foundation distributes the funds to local, regional, and international causes. Kae presented the check for \$30,000 to Foundation President **Nancy Ross**.

EZCash drawing



Wendy Arsenault, Eileen Tasso, and Chris Riesen conducted the 5th monthly drawing of this year's fund raiser. The winners:

\$100 Brian Olitsky

\$250 Abbey Morales

\$500 Carl Nickel

Joe Murgalo Time

Joe was on a tight schedule. He welcomed visitors and managed a belated Birthday Shout Out for **Sue Masters**. He then wrestled the microphone away from **Jim Horein** before closing with **Nanci Landy's** Happy/Sad\$ message.

Last Week Program

Steve McIntosh started his introduction with a forecast of FGCU accomplishments in the next 25 years. Then he introduced **Dr. Michael Martin, PhD**, who became FGCU's fourth president on July 1, 2017.



Mike is retiring at the end of the year. He thinks the search for his replacement will be complicated by the number of open college president's jobs in the southeast. The search will be conducted by a Trustees committee and a professional search firm. The university also needs to replace a number of academicians who were hired 25 years ago and are ready to retire.

Other tidbits from Mike:

He reported that FGCU now has **16,000 students**. It has grown slightly during the Covid years while many others have lost enrollment.

The residences are 97% occupied. A healthy occupancy rate.

The university is planning to have in-person graduations this year. The size of Alico Arena and it's limited access roads will make this a difficult planning and execution issue.

FGCU is in the ASUN Athletic Conference. The Conference is expanding with new teams far from SWFL creating difficult travel problems for FGCU athletes.

"AB9" **A**cademic **B**uilding Number 9 being constructed for **The** (Donor?) **W**ater **S**chool is behind schedule. They are looking for a donor who would like to get his name between **The** and **Water**.

The Entrepreneurship school has new building.

FGCU's Nursing School graduates are very successful when taking licensing exams.

Martin doesn't subscribe to the thinking that universities only graduate liberals. He pointed to FGCU grads who are now very conservative elected officials. Ron DeSantis is a graduate of Yale and Harvard Law, schools that are often thought of as bastions of liberalism.

Martin points out the Critical Race Theory has been part of the curriculum at most law schools since 1977. He decried attempts to limit student's exposure when the objective is to develop intelligent graduates able to make their own decision.

Today's Program

Ray Sandelli, Lee County Commissioner

Upcoming Programs

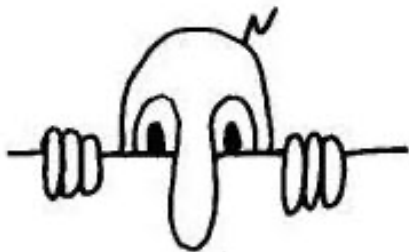
- Mar 16. Sue Schad, Gulf Coast Literary Council
- Mar 23. Annual Rotary Regulars meeting
- Mar 30. TBA
- Apr 6. District Governor Andy Lyman.
- Apr 7. First Thursday Social, 6-8 pm. TBA
- Apr 23. Annual Reverse Raffle. Dinner, entertainment, \$12,000 prizes

Birthdays (Mar 6 - Mar 12)

Roger Kemper (rr) Mar 7

Len Eckert Mar 9

The 50/50 is \$1,550±



**Last Week
Marjo White drew the
J♥ for \$5**



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