## February 22, 2024

## Week 30



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President Jim Burger rang the bell, Alex read The Invocation, Joe led us in The Pledge of Allegiance and GT did The Four Way Test.

Estero High School Interact Club members are raising money for their international project by selling popcorn. The link below takes you to the Poppin' Popcorn website where you can make a purchase to support the project. <u>https://</u> poppinpopcornonline.com/

store/store.php?sID=BDPMMB

Next month's 1st Thursday will be held on March 7<sup>th</sup> at the recently opened Causeway, located at 228280 Old 41 Rd · Bonita Springs. More information to come.



Disaster Aid USA (DAUSA) helps with disasters throughout the United States, and they came to help us in southwest Florida after Hurricane Ian and spent weeks working at several locations. Rotary districts in Florida have joined with DAUSA and District 6960 has transferred their trailers over to them for use throughout Flori-

da or where needed. Their primary funding source is via donations and each district 6960 Rotary club is asked to contribute to help maintain equipment, support deployments, and assist in international disaster responses. Individuals can go to disasteraidusa.org to learn more about DAUSA and donate directly to DAUSA. <u>Disaster Aid USA</u>

The Rotary Club of Estero Foundation and Hot



Wire Communication and Hot Wire Communications are proud to present the 1st annual 5K Run/Walk, Saturday, March 16, 2024 @ 7:30 - 9:30am to benefit mental health organizations and other charities in the Lee and Collier County area. The event will start and finish at Coconut Point Mall in Estero. There

are opportunities to volunteer as well as participate.<u>Estero</u>

Rotary 5K Run/Walk Volunteer Registration (runsignup.com)



Rotary Sings: Harvest Moon

Come a little bit closer Hear what I have to say Just like children sleepin' We could dream this night away

But there's a full moon risin' Let's go dancin' in the light We know where the music's playin' Let's go out and feel the night

Because I'm still in love with you I want to see you dance again Because I'm still in love with you On this harvest moon

When we were strangers I watched you from afar When we were lovers I loved you with all my heart

But now it's gettin' late And the moon is climbin' high I want to celebrate See it shinin' in your eye

Because I'm still in love with you I want to see you dance again Because I'm still in love with you On this harvest moon

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## Joe's Corner



PRAYER.

Let us pray. As we gather here today, we are filled with gratitude for the opportunity to come together in unity and fellow-ship. We recognize the

diversity of beliefs and backgrounds represented among us, and we honor each individual's unique journey. May we open our hearts and minds to the wisdom that resides within us and among us. Let us embrace empathy and understanding as we seek common ground and mutual respect. Grant us the strength to face the challenges ahead with courage and resilience. May our actions be guided by compassion and kindness, uplifting those in need and fostering a spirit of cooperation and goodwill. May this gathering be blessed with harmony, peace, and a sense of purpose. Amen.

Upcoming Programs

Feb 22— Steve McIntosh - Interact Members Feb 29— Aysegul Timur - President of FGCU March 7– First Thursday Social, Causeway, Old 41, Bonita Springs

April 6th, Reverse Raffle SAVE THE DATE!

## **Birthdays**

Jim Fitzpatrick, Feb 12 Kevin Swanepole, Feb 12 George Cohan, Feb 15 Neil Anderson, Feb 20 Suzanne Masters, Feb 22 Dr. Steve McIntosh, Feb 25



Rotarians of The Month Rex Sims—July Angela Swanepoel—August Alan & Marjo White—September Julie Pedretti—October Eileen Tasso—November Larry Vars—December Mike Poff, January





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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