June 27, 2024 Week 48



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No Meeting on Thursday, July 4th. We will be working at the Star-Spangled Bonita July 4th fundraiser event. If you have signed up to work at the event, please remember that a large turnout is expected, so parking will be at a premium, so plan accordingly.



Registration for the District Conference is now open on DACdb. Click on link to Register (dacdb.com)

District Conference registration on DACdb closes on 29 June 2024. If you plan to attend, the District has requested donations of the following items to help the United Way of Charlotte County for the benefit of Charlotte County Schools. There will be drop off tables at the District Conference.



- 1. Paper towels, toilet paper
- 2. Trash bags
- 3. Cleaning wipes and spraysdisinfectant, bathroom cleaner, glass cleaner, all-purpose cleaner
  - 4. Laundry soap
  - 5. Dish soap
  - 6. Feminine products
  - 7. Toothbrush and toothpaste



Thank you for your support As my tenure as Club President comes to an end, I find myself reflecting on the past 12 months. It has been a year filled with accomplishments, growth, and memorable moments, none of which would have been possible without your unwavering support and assistance.



Our club has thrived this past year, thanks to our collective efforts. We've had successful fundraisers and events that not only brought us closer but also significantly contributed to our club's mission. Our weekly meetings were enriched by the presence of great speakers, making each gathering informative and engaging. Our First Thursday socials have been a

source of joy and camaraderie, allowing us to create special moments together. But what stands out the most is our ability to give back to our community, making a positive impact and making things a little better.

I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve as Club President and for the experiences we've shared. As I pass on the baton, I am confident that our club will continue to flourish and make a difference in our community.



In the Good Old Summertime
By Ren Shields (Words)
and George Evans (Music)

In the good old summertime, in the good old summertime, Strolling through the shady lanes With my baby, mine.

You hold her hand, and she holds yours, and that's a very good sign—

That she's your tootsey wootsey in the Good old summertime.







## Joe's Corner

The origin of the Four-Way Test In 1932, the American Rotarian Herbert J. TAYLOR, newly appointed head of a kitchen utensil company on the verge of ruin (Club Aluminium Products Company), refused to file for bankruptcy contrary to the advice given by the creditor committee and felt that his employees needed an ethical reference. He then wrote four questions on a small piece of white paper: • Is it the TRUTH ? • Is it FAIR to all concerned? • Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? • Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned? He turned round and saved the company in great financial difficulty by making it adopt this simple course of action. He called it "The Four-Way test" of the things we think, say or do. In 1940 he gave Rotary International permission to use the Four-Way Test, which officially became the symbol of Rotary ethics in 1943.



Let us pray.

Oh Lord, we gather in humble reverence, seeking Your grace. Illuminate our path with Your radiant light, quide

our steps with Your eternal truth, and fill our hearts with Your unending peace. Grant us the strength to overcome our trials, the compassion to serve one another, and the wisdom to discern Your will. May we be vessels of Your love in this world, spreading kindness, beneficence, and hope wherever we tread. We lift our prayers to You, with faith and devotion, trusting in Your boundless mercy and grace. Amen.



#### **Upcoming Programs**

6/27— Rich Jones of 4 Kids SWFL

July 4, NO MEETING

7/11—Coffee with a Cop, Lt. Frank Pisano, LCSO Communi-

July 18—FGCU Water School's Role in Southwest Florida's Sustainability, Dr. Win Everham, Professor of Ecology and Environmental Students,

August 8: Creating a Healthier Population, Dr. Iahn Gonsenhauser, Chief Medical Officer, Lee Health

August 15: Launching a New Era for the Historical Wonder Gardens, Neil Anderson, President & CEO

August 22: Building a Thriving Community Theater in a Newly Renovated Home, SPEAKER

TBD, The Naples Players August 29: Protecting and Preserving Florida's Water Resources, Dr. Paul Hindsley, Chief Economist, The Everglades Foundation



# **Birthdays**

Nope

## **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 Mark G. & Meg W.—February Dr. Robert Landy—March Donna Marcotte—April





#### 2023-2024 Rotary International and Distict Leadership

#### **Rotary International President**

R. Gordon R. McInally, Rotary Club of South Queensferry, Scotland

#### **District 6960 Governor**

Alfred Current III, The Rotary Club of Englewood

## **Area 2 Assistant Governor**

Jim Fabry, The Rotary Club of Bonita Naples

#### 2023-2024 Club Officers

President Jim Burger President-Elect Joe Murgalo Secretary Julie Pedretti Treasurer – Lynda Waterhouse Sergeant-at-Arms - Joe Murgalo Past President—Eileen Tasso

## **Members of the Board**

Jim Burger, Eileen Tasso, Lynda Waterhouse, Julie Pedretti, Joe Murgalo

### 2021-2024

Donna Flammang, Jim Fitzpatrick, Mike Poff 2022-2025 Rob Cooper, Donna Marcotte, Ken Lahey

2023-2026

Wendy Arsenault, Stefan Gerhold, Bob Landy

### **Trustees of The Foundation**

Chris Riesen, President; Gary Price, Secretary; Bob Lombardo, Treasurer; Steve McIntosh, Kae Moore, Eileen Tasso, Ron Anderson, Trustees



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