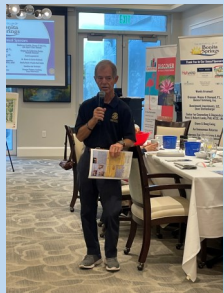




President Joe Murgalo rang the bell. Steve Simms read the Invocation, Sgt at Arms, Bob Lombardo led us in The Pledge of Allegiance, and I can't remember who did The Four Way Test.



Mark led us in song, My Way!

Karen McCaw sent a lovely letter on the anniversary of Mark's passing, thanking the Club for friendship and support



On August 26th, The Rotary Club of Ave Maria will have their official Charter Night. President Joe is asking every club to help support the newest club in our district.

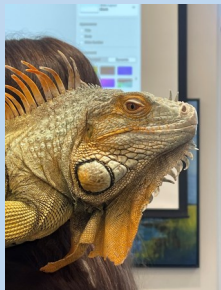


From Gordon R. McNally, 2023—24 RI President! Dear 2023-24 Club President: Congratulations! Your club has earned the Rotary Citation, the most significant award a Rotary club can achieve, for 2023-24. This past year, your club demonstrated a commitment to achieve its goals, which ultimately helps strengthen Rotary and shape our future.



There was a certificate attached, suitable for framing....at our own cost!

Neil Anderson brought a few friends while he discussed a New Era for the Historical Wonder Gardens.



Rotary Sings:
Abraham, Martin and John
Dion



Anybody here seen my old friend Abraham?
Can you tell me where he's gone?
He freed lotta people but it seems the good they die young
You know I just looked around and he's gone

Anybody here seen my old friend John?
Can you tell me where he's gone?
He freed lotta people but it seems the good they die young
I just looked around and he's gone

Anybody here seen my old friend Martin?
Can you tell me where he's gone?
He freed lotta people but it seems the good they die young
I just looked around and he's gone

Didn't you love the things that they stood for?
Didn't they try to find some good for you and me?
And we'll be free
Some day soon, it's gonna be one day

Anybody here seen my old friend Bobby?
Can you tell me where he's gone?
I thought I saw him walkin' up over the hill
With Abraham, Martin, and John.

No winner yet!



50/50

Club Shenanigans

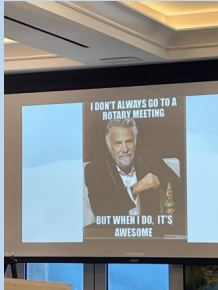


Kae is always up to something.



Thank goodness he has a pin!

Very funny!



Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, ask for Your guidance as we gather in Your presence. May Your light illuminate our paths, and may Your love fill our souls with peace and understanding. Bless this time together, Lord let us be instruments of Your will, spreading compassion and love to all those we encounter. We ask for Your protection over our lives, our families, and our communities. Give us strength in times of trial, and courage to stand firm in our faith. May Your Spirit move among us, filling us with the fire of Your love and the power of Your truth. In Your holy name, we pray, Amen.

Upcoming Programs

August 22: Building a Thriving Community Theater in a Newly Renovated Home, SPEAKER TBD, The Naples Players

August 26—Rotary Club of Ave Maria official Charter Night

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

September 5, First Thursday, Vinchino's

Birthdays

Joe Murgalo, 8/27



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

Dr. Steve McIntosh—May



2024-2025 Rotary International and District Leadership

Rotary International President

Stephanie Urchick, Rotary Club of McMurray, Pennsylvania

District 6960 Governor

Kelsey Mitchell, The Rotary Club of Bonita Sunset

Area 2 Assistant Governor

Dee Fabry, The Rotary Club of Bonita Naples

2024-2025 Club Officers

President Joe Murgalo

President-Elect Julie Pedretti

Secretary Kelli Groom

Treasurer – Lynda Waterhouse

Sergeant-at-Arms - Bob Lombardo

Past President—Jim Burger

Members of the Board

Jim Burger, Lynda Waterhouse, Julie Pedretti, Joe Murgalo, Kelli Groom

2022-2025

Rob Cooper, Donna Marcotte, Ken Lahey

2023-2026

Wendy Arsenault, Stefan Gerhold, Bob Landy,

2024—2027

Angela Swanepoel, Mike Poff, Jim Fitzpatrick

Trustees of The Foundation

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

Rotary  **4 Way Test**
of the things we think, say, or do:

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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