



President Kelli rang the bell and the group mixed and mingled!

Paul Fox read The Invocation. Jenifer led us in The Pledge of Allegiance. Eileen Tasso did The Four Way Test, and Mark lead us in song, Hot Fun In The Summer-time Dr. Mike Parson, FGCU Professor, was our speaker

We are still in need of a Greeter and someone to share a Rotary Moment on October 13. If you would like to sign up, let President Kelli know.

President Kelli wanted to remind us that **breakfast will now be \$20 per meeting**, which is a savings of **\$10 per meeting**. At the same time, our club dues increased from **\$65 to \$75**.

Bob will be hosting our First Thursday Social in October and was very vexed that The Spoke Editor had the wrong date!!

Eileen asked if anyone was interested in hosting our Rotary Exchange Student. Angel asked for winter clothing for FK Your Diet. Steve Simms had a birthday so we all sang.

Julie will be gone for her 1976 HS Reunion—she must have graduated at 10! Angela said something about soccer but the editor isn't familiar with sports-ball so that's all we got.



Planning is also beginning for our **Chili & Craft Beer Showdown!** ☐ **February 27, 2026**. This will be a fun competition with chili, craft beer, and plenty of Rotary fellowship. **Mark your calendars now!** ☐ **Reverse Raffle with a Twist** – March 20, 2027 The crew has officially met and **planning has begun!** We are going with a **Roaring '20s theme**, and I think this is going to be a fantastic event! **PLEASE START BRINGING IN YOUR BOOZE BOTTLES FOR DONATION!**

September Programs/Events:

September 22, Honor Flight, Coleen Thompson, Director

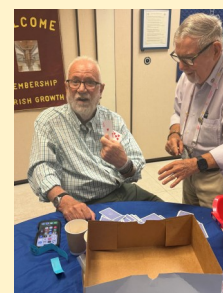
September 29, Alan White, New Veteran's Hospital in Cape Coral

October 6, Club Assembly

October 1, First Thursday Social, Vichino's Café & Wine Bar



50/50
Not So Much Mullah!
Congrats Joe Murgalo!



Club Shenanigans

Farewell Party for the Fabry's



Week 13 — Kindness

May we never underestimate kindness. It costs little, requires no special title, and can change the course of someone's day. Help us choose patience when it would be easier to criticize, encouragement when someone is struggling, and generosity when we have something to give. May kindness be something others recognize not simply in our club, but in each of us. Amen.



Birthdays

Nanci Landy, September 27

Anniversaries:

Alyona Ushe, August 29



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Rotary Hot Shot of The Month

Joe
Murgalo



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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