Greeter/Invocation: Our greeter today was Van Laughlin. Van led us in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: Scott D’Army welcomed guests. He said we have a huge turnout this week with over 56 people in attendance. Jay’s guest is a perspective member.

Announcements: Please don’t forget to collect the “Soap for Hope”. This year’s collections will be delivered to Family Promise.

Wendy came forward to give us an Art Fest update. Alexa says 114 days until Art Fest. She thanked all those who came forward to volunteer for committee chairs. Julie S and Doug will chair the beer truck; Jesse and JJ will run the food trucks; David Pankiw will handle music and already has some lined up; Ivy will do the kids play area and assist with the Children’s art; Charlie Mills will be golf cart coordinator; Rich Cimo will take care of the car show. Barb Freeman will handle the judges for artists for the 14th year. Colleen has put together a flyer to share. John L. and Bruce B. will chair Duck Pluck again this year. January 20-21, 2024.

Casey introduced our District 6960 Public Image chair, Brittany Rohr to say a few words. She encouraged members to give her ideas and suggestions for PR in our district. She mentioned that her company is donating a website to us which is under construction. The kindness initiative is called “Kind I Am” which is aimed at healing the world in many ways. The kindness footprint app will map our acts of kindness with a flower. It is $15 per month. Proceeds go towards human trafficking and a smart watch application that can identify kinds of stress; good, bad etc.
Casey announced that Roger Button has resigned from our club. He has been a member of the club for 20 years; 16 of those as Sergeant at Arms. We are grateful and he will be missed. He has taken on additional volunteer hours with SMH-Venice and feels that is where he needs to be currently. Jim Romano has graciously agreed to take on the role of Sergeant of Arms. Thank you, Jim.

Our first club social will be coming soon. It will have a Halloween theme with some surprises yet to be announced.

**Interact Club car wash** is scheduled for 10/14. Tickets will be available at a future meeting.

**Interact Dinner** is scheduled for 11/9. Epiphany has been confirmed as the site.

We signed up for the **Sun Fiesta Bed Race** at 9 a.m. on Saturday, 10/21. It is the 50th anniversary of the Sun Fiesta. Casey is working on a “fast” bed but will need volunteers.

**The District 6960 Luau** will be at Myakka Campgrounds on November 4, 2023.

We have also signed up to have a float in the **Venice Holiday Parade**. More info to come.

Casey invited John Bragg, our current treasurer, up to the podium for a few remarks. He reminded us of the 10/1 invoices which will be out this weekend. Check your email. Please pay from the invoice as soon as you can. He suggested it in 30 days or less. It helps keep the workload down for our bookkeeper and the “collection” committee. He observed the back table today and feels like the credit card situation could be improved upon. Once he gets that in order, we will strongly discourage the “bill me” option. He asked for a show of hands from those who are interested in using an auto pay system to pay their dues and outstanding invoices. He got a good response so they will fine tune the forms and we will strive to launch that for the first billing of 2024.

**New Member Induction** – Josh Grubbs was welcomed by Jeff Boone and Casey Riley as his sponsor. He is a transfer from Englewood.

Jane Mendola reminded us that every 65 seconds someone in the US is diagnosed with Alzheimer’s and/or dementia. She reported that a breakthrough study about how brain cells die in people who develop Alzheimer’s. Researchers from the UK and Belgium did research transplanting human brain cells into genetically modified mice, who were programmed to produce large quantities of abnormal amyloid. They found that the brain goes through necroptosis which is more easily understood as cellular suicide. The build up of abnormal amyloid occurs between the neurons, causing swelling of the brain which changes the internal chemistry of the brain. The cells then produce “maternally expressed gene 3 molecules” which starts necroptosis. With this information, they can work on blocking the production of these molecules. It is hoped that a whole new line of drugs will be forthcoming because of this discovery. As always, there are still many hoops to jump through but it is an ongoing effort greatly enhanced by the results of this study.

Barb Freeman shared with us that Linda Renz is in the hospital. She asked that we keep her in our thoughts and hopefully she will be home soon.
through May 2024. We have crews to help through May 2025 in three-month increments. Housing will be needed after that. Please provide info on any leads for this need.

Convoy of Hope donates materials, but the coordination is difficult right now because there isn't a place to stage it. The materials are requested/ordered as needed which can be tricky.

The questions led to the realization that it will be difficult to get all 912 homes repaired by May 2025 with the current resources. It is basically a volunteer labor availability issue.

Pay The Lawyer

Jeff started PTL with a fine to Scott for a lull in the invocation. He meant Van Laughlin who really gave the invocation and proceeded to pay his own dollar for the error.

Matt Cary, Jay Kasmark and Ed Benson paid $1 each for a public image challenge where they are concerned.

Jim Renz paid a fine for making Ed Benson yawn. It must be something at that table.

Charlie Mills paid $1 for the memories the Bed Race must bring back from his Playboy mansion days.

Josh Grubbs is now the youngest member and Jack K is the oldest. It cost them.

Jane Mendola paid a fine for being British as it related to a story Jeff told about the revolutionary war and Jack's participation.

Bob Johnson was fined for his phone going off during the meeting.

John Bragg paid a fine to commemorate today in history when Ted Williams came up to the bat for the last time for the Red Sox.

Chuck Snyder and Rich Cimo each paid up for busily doing something on their phones. It was suggested that it was porn, so we called it the porn fine which is likely the first time a fine of this kind was levied.

Casey, Joe and Wendy paid confusion fines for a distribution of flyers by Colleen. The story itself was confusing to me.

FSU fans paid an embarrassment fine for our kicker missing a “high school” level field goal of only 21 yards. Penny and Jim Woods paid a thankful dollar for OSU's win over Notre Dame.

Jeff paid $1 for being able to watch Colorado play from a sports bar in Colorado.

Tom Fitch paid a phone fine on his own.

Kevin Hanley was very disappointed about Notre Dame and paid $4. It should have been more, but Kevin said he didn't have enough money to really express the level of his disappointment!

Happy Dollars:

Ken Jones – Actually got to see Ted Williams play when he was a child.

John Bragg – Glad to be back.

Bruce Bench -Go Univ of Washington!

Wendy – VHS PSA – Game against Riverview Friday night. Be there!

Craig Riley – Happy to be back.

Ivy Long – So thrilled that her best friend is going to become a member of our club.

Jerry Downs – Phone went off during meeting.

Jeff Boone – Happy that Jim Woods is here again. He used to fine he all the time when he was a member. Brings back memories. Told the story about Jim riding to meeting on his bike only to have truant officer pick Jim up and take him back to school.....the elementary school!

Casey – Finished off with happy dollars for having Josh and Ivy Long with us as club members, returning members from the north and agreat program today.

Larry paid $1 for not being fined lately and a sad $ that for the first time in years, there will be no Tom Brady on the field.

Larry also paid happy $10 that his two granddaughters got engaged recently. Their Dad passed away so both fiancé's actually contacted Larry and his wife and asked their permission. Jeff even paid $ for such a beautiful story.

Chuck paid $ to remind UF backers to watch Swamp Kings.

Annie paid a 4 way test $ because she was late. Elaine also paid for being late.

Casey paid happy $$ because he and Emma are heading to Greece for a wedding.

Casey mad made one final announcement. J.J. will be leading the meeting next week in his absence so please be kind.

The meeting ended with the 4-Way Test!

50/50 $1,145 with 30 cards left. A red ticket #9176 was drawn. Bruce Bench had the winning ticket. He drew the Ace of spades, so the pot grows

Weekly Meeting Zoom information

Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89738731829?pwd=a0RW NndOU0RLdjRnWGxmZGhZNUxEXQT09

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The Venice-Nokomis Rotary Club honors the memory of Rotarian Charles “Doc” Matson and his ideals by awarding two annual awards in his name. ‘Doc Matson served the Venice-Nokomis Rotary selflessly for almost 20 years and he held the world record for continuous perfect attendance of 67 years, 3 months, 3 weeks. The recipients of these awards should exemplify the Rotary motto of “Service Above Self” and be the best possible example of living by the fundamentals of the 4-Way test.

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Will it build GOOD WILL and better FRIENDSHIPS?

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        Charles C. Smith (completed year)  2011-12  Doug Laudenslager
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Interact Club
Meet Tuesdays at 5:30 pm - during the school year
2023-2024
Club, District & RI Calendar

July 27 - Club Assembly
Aug 3 - Kevin McCarthy classification talk
Aug 10 - DG Alfred Current club visit
Aug 17 - James Clinch, Venice Assistant City Manager
Aug 26 - Rotary Futures Dueling Pianos
Aug 26 - RLI - Woodland School
Aug 31 - Karen Rose, Sarasota County School Board
Sept 7 - Jay Kasmark classification talk
Sept 14 - Tom Knight, former Sheriff of Sarasota Co.
Sept 21 - Gina Taylor BBBS
Sept 28 - Chris Johnson, United Way
Nov 2 - Steve Young, CEO of HCA Florida
Nov 4 - District Luau at Englewood Rotary Club
Nov 9 - Interact Dinner
Jan 20-21 - Art Fest
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