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will have a feel-good experience they will never forget. Korean War Proclamation – Lisa Reese read President Biden's Proclamation honoring the armistice which ended the Korean War on July 27, 1953. The Korean War cost the lives of millions of Koreans and Chinese, as well as the lives of over 36,000 American soldiers. Over 1.8 million Americans fought in this war. Though the war ended 68 years ago, no peaceful settlement of the hostilities has ever been reached, and North and South Korea still are divided by the "de-militarized zone" at the 38th. parallel. Susan announced the resignation of Tommy Taylor from our Club – he has been inactive for quite some time and has now relocated to North Carolina. Susan also noted a needed change in the flags that are displayed on the podium – they had been the US flag, the Rotary flag, and the British flag. Mike Sundaram pointed out to her that the 3rd. flag should change each year, to honor the country where that year's International President is from. The British "Union Jack" will be replaced with the national flag of India. Susan also referenced an article in a recent issue of the Rotary Magazine on Shekhar Mehta, Rotary International's current President – she recommends we all read it. Finally, Susan reminded anyone who have not yet paid their dues for the 3rd. Qtr to please do so.

New Member Induction – Barry Constant – Barry was introduced by Lisa Reese and was inducted by Susan and Jeff Boone today. He is a veteran of the US Army and was working as an Air Traffic Controller on 9/11. His classification is Aviation, and he will give his classification talk at a future meeting. He asked Susan if this now meant he would be fined during PTL (and Jeff did not forget it). Jeff also reminded him that Rotary membership is international, and each Club's flag is unique, just in case he travels to a foreign country (like, say Wisconsin), and presents our flag to another club.

Cart Talk

Jane reminded us that worldwide someone is diagnosed with Alzheimers Disease every 3 seconds. Today's talk was on Mandy Moore's new movie This Is Us, where she plays the lead character. In preparing for her role, she was inspired by journalist Greg O'Brien's first-hand account of being diagnosed with early-onset Alzheimer's, at age 59, in his book On Pluto. He is now 70. Did you know that women in their 60's are more than twice as likely to develop Alzheimer's as they are breast cancer? Greg described Alzheimer's this way: "Have you ever been reading at night and the light is flickering because the plug is not in all the way?". That is what Alzheimer's is like – You're on, you're off, you're on, you're off. You never know when you're going to have a good day or a bad day, or a good or bad hour. Greg said in the beginning he was in complete denial about his condition, which is why early diagnosis is so important. It gives you the skills and strategies to live with this disease that no one in your family will understand. Everyone thinks you're supposed to be stupid, but you're not. You still have the same looks and the same IQ – it's just that the brain

signals aren't connecting. Greg also suggested that family members cannot forget to "break it up" with some humor; if the person with dementia can laugh, it gives the green light for others to laugh with them.

Program

Today's program was Juliana Cavallero's classification talk, and she came well prepared. She had a well-produced slide show, including video clips, of her storied basketball career at VHS, at Sarasota High, and at the University of Tampa. Juliana's parents moved to Venice from Maine when she was just 5 years old, so nearly her entire life has been spent in Florida. She went to Venice El, then to Pine View for middle school, and then VHS for her Freshman – Junior school years, where she became a star basketball player. Her father Steve is a long-time educator and was the VHS boy's basketball coach for a number of years. After her Junior year, her father became the Sarasota High coach and she followed him to SHS for her Senior year. She was the Herald-Tribune "Prep Player of the Year" in her Senior year at SHS. She had full-ride scholarship offers from a number of colleges and chose the University of Tampa for the quality of the basketball and the excellent academics.

Juliana has two brothers, one older and one younger. Her older brother was valedictorian at VHS, then on to FSU and the University of Florida Law School and is now a JAG officer in the Marine Corps, practicing as an attorney. Her younger brother Joey went to Sarasota High, where he did well in baseball, and then on to USF. After his Junior year at USF he was drafted as a pitcher by the NY Mets. He had "Tommy John" surgery and is currently in the last stages of his recovery (which can take 14 months) and is easing back into playing in the Mets farm system. Her father Steve is still teaching and coaching (boy's basketball) at Sarasota High. Juliana noted he coached both of her brothers but never coached her (because they would probably have gotten into fistfights). She does credit her father with being her personal trainer, and says he is the reason she did so well in college. Her mother is a Director at Sarasota Hospital (Baby and Labor Delivery) and is also involved in establishing SMH's new hospital here in Venice. Throughout her life in Venice, Juliana has been involved in many community service organizations and activities – Special Olympics, Metropolitan Ministries, American Heart Walk, VITA, Junior Achievement.

Growing up in Venice, her family was involved in nearly every sport – baseball, softball, volleyball, basketball – and she and her brothers attended nearly every game her father coached, all over Florida. They were waterboys, videographers – pretty much anything her Dad needed. Juliana played Little League ball in Venice with her younger brother – she played 2nd. Base, he was the Shortstop – and made the All Star Team (much to the chagrin of the boys). Then basketball at VHS, where during her Sophomore year, VHS won the District Championship even though their starting five was mostly sophomores and many of their opponents were much older. Before her Senior year she followed her father to Sarasota High, and then on to the University of Tampa.

At Tampa, she played with people from all over the world – Germany, Spain, Sweden. Her sophomore year at UT they went to the Sweet 16, and Juliana says the team was the best she has ever played on. In her Senior year they won the conference and received another NCAA tournament bid. Her slideshow began with a clip of scoring her 1,000th. point at UT during her Junior year, where their opponent was Rollins College, one of their arch rivals. She is (still) the 4th. leading scorer for UT, with 1,560 points, and the only one of the 4 who played in the past 20 years.

During college, just before her sophomore year, she got a job as an accounting intern (at \$10 per hour) at a small firm, and that is when she decided to make a career in accounting. She continued to work at that firm throughout her undergrad years at UT. She graduated with a BA in Accounting and accepted a full-time position with Price Waterhouse Coopers in their Tampa audit operations. She continued on at UT for her Masters in Accounting, and then continued to work for PWC in Tampa for about 4 years while she also studied and passed the CPA exam. She enjoyed working at PWC and learned a lot from her colleagues about auditing. A few of the clients she audited during that time are the NY Yankees and the Women's Tennis Association. She advised against eating the hot dogs in Yankee Stadium, noting they are really gross. Once she felt she had touched on every part of the audit process, she began re-evaluating her long-term goals. She interviewed with Young, Hanks and Hanks and it was a "no-brainer" to accept their offer and return to her home-town. She hasn't looked back and says she has learned so much from working at YH&H during her short time there.

Juliana now lives in Sarasota, with her boyfriend Chad and their bulldog "Frankie". Chad works at Citibank, and she has no idea what he does exactly, but he's expert at making video presentations. They like to travel and play golf together. Currently they are doing the "75 Hard" challenge, to maintain good health, and they are on Day 34. This is a rigorous program which requires working out twice a day, drinking at least a gallon of water a day, following a diet, reading 10 pages of a non-fiction, with no drinking and no cheap meals.

Susan noted that Juliana has retained her basketball skills, and is a whiz while at work at tossing wine corks into the wastebaskets from across the room.

Pay The Lawyer

Jeff opened with asking Juliana about the rules of "75 Hard". He said he saw Bob Johnson get all excited when she was talking about it, 'cause Bob thought one of the rules was drinking 4 gallons of beer each day. Bob wasn't fined, though, because he had donated his 50/50 consolation money. Our newest member, Barry Constant, was fined a \$1 "welcome to the Club" fine. Mark Beebe paid a \$2 fine for a phone infraction. Mark and Jeff Johnson both paid \$1 for not noticing the meeting location sign at the entrance and both were almost all the way upstairs before Jeff called them back. Jane was complimented on her "math skills" during her CART

talk – she recognized that someone who was 70 last year is 71 this year. VHS grads would find that much too difficult. Susan was fined for forgetting to introduce her partner Sydney Young at the start of the meeting. Jeff Pick was fined for something related to being introduced to Steve/Bob Boone. Jeff paid \$1 for him, though, since their father Dan used to call him Steve all the time. Juliana was fined for not including details about her life during her college years – Jeff suggested that was the only reason her father Steve came today, to learn what she actually did while at UT. She asked to borrow the \$1 from her father. Matt was fined the "Steve Picazio Jr. Computer Whiz" fine for his troubles with bringing up the video today. One phone and two computers and he still struggled. He's no Steve Picazio Fortunately, Steve Cavallero had paid \$5 for Juliana so that also covered Matt's fine. Susan was asked about the office computer which showed an active game of "beer pong" during Juliana's presentation. Juliana admitted it was Susan's computer and she readily paid the fine. Roger was asked if he will be sad to lose the British Union Jack flag from the podium, once it's replaced with the flag of India. Roger will be 'very sad', paid \$5 and asked that he be allowed to keep it. Jeff suggested Roger might consider giving it to Jack Kurschner, since he thinks Jack took that same flag off a British red-coat during the Battle of Bunker Hill back in 1775. Jeff also complimented Juliana on today's presentation, and remembered that when his brother Steve gave his classification talk he had a thick book of his "exploits" ready, but discovered when he began his talk that he had only 1 page because his grandmother had removed about 50 pages. Juliana's slideshow had a picture of 4 tugboats, on the Why Accounting? Slide, and Jeff said he understood that the only test UT basketball players were asked to take was to look at that picture and answer Yes or No as to whether the picture showed 3 sailboats. Jay Kasmark had a comment when Susan said that Juliana maintains her skills by shooting baskets with wine corks – Jay said "they told me those red marks on my tax return were errors

Happy \$ - Susan paid a happy \$ for all of the Young, Hanks and Hanks staff who came today. Mike Sundaram explained how he recognized that displaying the British flag is no longer appropriate, and it will now be replaced with the flag of India. Finally, Bruce Bench paid a happy \$ for Juliana's success in both sports and academics while at UT – it takes dedication to do both well during college.

The meeting closed with reciting the 4-Way Test.





Getting To Know Your Fellow Rotarians

Please welcome one of our newer members, Meenakshi (Mike) Sundaram who transferred here from the Cookeville Breakfast Club (CBR) in Tennessee. Meenakshi (Mike) joined our club this past June.. Mike was born in India, graduated from High School in India, and received his BS and MS in Mechanical Engineering in India. He came to the U.S. in 1973 and got his PHD in industrial engineering in 1976 from Texas Tech.

His wife of 42 years died in 2015. He has a son who is an MD -PHD who works at the University of Pennsylvania Medical Center in Philadelphia and a daughter who has an MBA and a BS in engineering and who works for AWS in Hamburg Germany. He has three grandchildren, one boy and two girls.

Mike first joined Rotary in 1989 in Cookeville Tennessee . He has served as "Director of International Services "in 1991-92 and was President of the Cookeville Club in 2011-12 in addition to serving on various service committees. He is also the founder of "International Day" a fund raiser for his club that brought International Awareness to the Cumberland Region in Mid/ Upper Tennessee the club continues to have this event. He said he enjoys Rotary as it allows him to serve his local community. He is a PHH Fellow plus three which includes his late wife, his daughter and himself.

As a Professor at the College of Engineering at Tennessee, Tech he taught industrial engineering for close to 32 years and Mechanical Engineering for the last 10 years before retiring . He has consulted for over 70 small and medium size companies throughout Tennessee. He has also worked with the U.S. Navy as a consultant. He retired on December 31,2019 and moved to Venice in October of 2020 as he has family and friends here, He met a neighbor Charlie Mills who invited him to visit our club and after meeting Lisa Reese it wasn't long before he transferred to our club..

Mark has always enjoyed mentoring and helping his students, especially those that were not only the first time engineering majors but also first time college graduates in their family. He has been very active serving the local Chapters of Society of Engineers (SME)and the Institute of Industrial & Systems Engineers. He is a "Fellow Member " of both of these national organizations,

He enjoys international travel and hopes to visit a few states that he has not yet visited in the U.S. as soon as the virus situation gets better. He says he enjoys visiting other Rotary Club internationally and locally. When asked if there was any famous person he would have liked to meet he immediately said John Kennedy, Jimmy Carter, Ronald Regan and Mother Teresa. When asked what headline he would like to see he listed several 1) Polio eradicated in the world, 2) Peace in the world especially in the Middle East 3) Elimination of starvation in Africa 4) Clean drinking water worldwide 5) More eco friendly products.

He hopes to be remembered as "A Man of Integrity and Service to Fellow Humans "

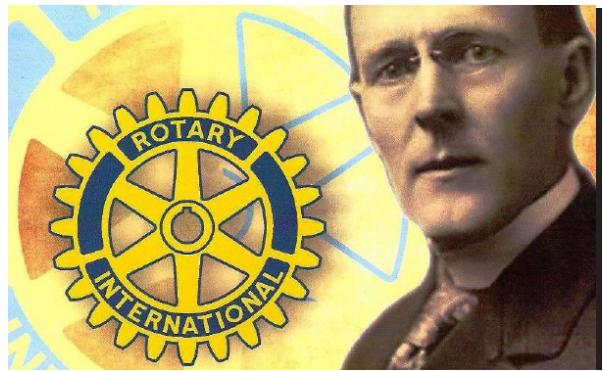
\$1,219 in the pot, 32 cards remaining.
Bob Johnson held the winning ticket (sigh) but could not pull the Joker. Bob donated his \$10 consolation prize to the Alzheimer's blue buckets. The suspense continues ...

UPCOMING MEETINGS

8/5	NO NOON MEETING
8/12	Dr. Chris Roberts Orthopedic Surgeon

Paul Harris

Paul Harris Society members pledge to donate at least \$1,000 of their own money each year to the Rotary Foundation. That works out to about \$84 per month or \$2.74 per day. Donations can be made via credit card, bank charge, or with dues payments, and can be made annually, semi-annually, quarterly or monthly. We invite you to become a member. *Please see Jeff Pick for more information.*



Paul Harris Fellows have made a total donation of at least \$1,000 (sometimes over month or years) to the Rotary Foundation. After the first \$100 has been donated our club matches each dollar donated by our members. That means that a club member needs to donate only \$550 to become a Paul Harris Fellow. (Matches are not made for non club members). The 2nd \$1,000 donation level earns a Paul Harris Plus 1. The same for each \$1,000 up to \$9,000 which would be a Paul Harris Plus 8. At \$10,000 or more the recognition becomes a Major Donor. Please see *Jeff Pick for more information.*

Bequest Society members commit a legacy in their will to the Rotary Foundation. Recognition starts at \$10,000. *Please see Jeff Pick for more information.*

Benefactors pledge to leave at least \$1,000 to the Rotary Foundation.

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Doc Matson Awards

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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Meets Tuesdays at 6:00 pm - during the school year

2021-2022 Club, District & RI Calendar

July. 1	First Club Assembly
Aug.	VNR Scholarships
Sept.	District Govenor - Jim Hincks
Sept.	Club Closed - Zoom Only
Oct. 23	Ride to End Polio
Nov.	Interact Dinner *no noon meeting
Dec.	Christmas Party -
Dec.	Salvation Army Bell Ringing
Jan. 13/14	Art Fest Setup
Jan. 15/16	Art Festival
Feb.	Valentine's Dinner
Feb	BIG Car Raffle
March	Annual Doc Matson Awards
March	RLI, Keiser University, Ft. Myers
April	Toast To Venice
April	District Assembly, Port Charlotte
April	Annual Club Picnic
May	Teacher of the Year Award
May	District Conference, Naples
May	Investment in Youth presentation
June	VNR Golf Tournament
June	President Susan's last club assembly
June	David Pankiw installation banquet

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Area Make-Up Meetings

DAY	PLACE	TIME
MON	Sarasota Southside: Libby's Restaurant Sarasota Gateway: Mulligan's- Bobby Jones Golf club	6:45 am 12:15 pm
TUE	Charlotte Harbor: Cultural Center Venice Sunset: Venice Moose Lodge Englewood: The Englewood Elks Lodge 401 <i>(1st Tues. of every month is at 5:30pm)</i> Sarasota Bay: Van Wezel Grand Foyer Sarasota Gulf Gate: Mattison's on 41	7:00am 7:15 pm 12 noon <i>(5:30 pm)</i> 12 noon 12 noon
WED	West Bradenton: Bradenton CC Placida: Rotunda Hills GCC Harbor Heights: Charlotte Harbor YC Sarasota: Marina Jacks North Port Central: Olde World Rest. Port Charlotte: So. Port Sq Gables 2nd fl	6:45am 7:00 am 7:00 am 12 noon 12 noon 12:15 pm
THU	Englewood/Lemon Bay: The Englewood Elks Lodge 401 Punta Gorda: Isles Yacht Club Lakewood Ranch: LWR Golf & CC Sarasota Keys: Hotel Indigo	7:00am 7:15am 12:00 pm 12:15pm
ANY	WWW.ROTARYCLUBONE.ORG	Ongoing

August Birthdays

Beebe, Mark	8/06	Mills, Charlie	8/01
Beebe, Dick	8/10	Taylor, Tommy	8/25
Freeman, Barbara	8/05	Terry, Jesse	8/30
Johnson, Jeff	8/10	White, Clif	8/10
Lazzaro, Don	8/16	Winkel, Randy	8/30
McNair, Tony	8/13		



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