Greeter/Invocation: Barry Constant was the Greeter today and gave us a very nice Invocation and led us in the Pledge to open the meeting.

Attendance: Roger announced roughly 50 members in attendance today, with at least 12-15 more on Zoom. Rob Gase was introduced by Charlie Mills – Rob will be inducted into our Club next week. Roger also announced 3 long-time visiting Rotarians, none of whom needed to be introduced.

Announcements: Plenty of these today. Susan reminded us that the Soap For Hope items are still being collected, and they are for Family Promise, so if you have travel sized containers of toiletry items please donate them. eSpray Ads – still $60, and that’s the price per year (apparently some have not been billed annually, but that will be caught up soon). Biking Event – October 23rd. – Matt handed out flyers for this event, and Susan also sent out copies via email so we all can post them on Facebook and other social media. Registration will start at 7:30 at the Venice Train Depot. It’s just $25, you can register for a 20, 10 or 5-mile ride – start times 8:00, 8:30 and 8:45 - and it’s both kid and family friendly. Auntie Anne’s pretzels will provide food, and there will be post ride beverages from Bikes and Brews, plus live music. Sponsors are still needed - $200 for a Ride Sponsor and $100 for a Trail Sign Sponsor. The Venice Challenger Service Day- October 30th., at 4:00 PM, at the Challenger Field of Dreams field. Volunteers are needed to be a “buddy” for each player, to help them bat, run the bases, and whatever else they
Today’s program was the VHS Boy’s Golf program. Brent Pinkerton, who assists the program, brought two of the Senior players – Jackson Adams and Marcus Keck. Brent was a star golfer during his time at VHS. Brent and Matt Cary are the co-founders of the John Ryan Invitational Golf Tourney which has been held every year since John’s death – it’s a High School “Invitational” tournament and it raises money for the VHS team expenses, as well as awarding three $1,000 college scholarships each year, each of which is good for 4 years. The VHS Boy’s team is doing very well this season, and Brent noted that they are about half-way through the season. One of their best team performances was at the Jenkins Invitational in Lakeland, where they finished 6th., led by Marcus Keck with a 76. It was also the first time that all 5 of the VHS players finished with scores in the 70’s. Their next tourney is tomorrow, Friday, 9/24 in Bradenton. The VHS team plays at 4 local courses, including Plantation, Venice G&CC and Venetian G&CC.

Marcus Keck is a senior at VHS this year, and one of just two seniors on the boy’s golf team. He moved to Venice from Indiana before the start of his sophomore year. His name might need assistance with. This will be a “feel-good experience” for all volunteers. Susan will not host next week’s meeting – her daughter is getting married in Asheville, NC so David will preside. Finally, Susan announced that the dedication for the new Sports Court at the Sarasota Leadership Academy is set for Monday, October 18th., at SLA, at 5:30 PM, and any VN Rotarian is welcome to attend. Last year, Matt Britton had obtained a district grant to fund our donation for this new facility. Food and drink will be provided, and Susan asked that anyone who plans on attending let her know by October 1st.  

Program

Paul Harris Society and Paul Harris +4 and +5 – Nanci Korman - Jeff Pick brought up Nanci Korman and announced that Nanci has now joined the Paul Harris Society, which obligates her to contribute $1,000 per year to the Foundation. With this contribution and the Club’s match, Nanci was also awarded her Paul Harris Plus 4 and Plus 5 pins. Thank you, Nanci!  

Membership events  – The Fireside Chat is now scheduled for Saturday, October 2nd., at 9:00 AM at the VYC, upstairs. This is principally for New Members and their Sponsors, but all are welcome to attend. I believe there will be a continental breakfast also. Charlie and Tom handed out sign-up sheets for those who would like to be Sponsors for New Members – to help new members get acclimated, and to assure they are welcomed. Please sign up, it won’t be hard to sponsor a new member.

New Member Induction  – Rick Zweibel was inducted today. Rick was formerly a Star Boarder, from Devon, CN, where he was the President in 2014/15. He is also a Shriner, so he enjoys giving back to his community. His classification will be BMW. Jeff Pick was his sponsor. 

Flag Program  – Jack Kurschner announced that 450 flags were set out for the Labor Day/911 weekend(s). Jack thanked Roger for his Condolier article, which resulted in 35 additional customers for next year (thus far). He also thanked Jim Romano, who received many requests during his vacation in Seattle and responded to each one. Thus far, we have 100+ new customers for 2022 – Jack says they are all paid for and reserved. He also noted that the program has $20,000 + in the bank, all of which will be donated to 3 – 4 local veterans organizations and distributed by them to veterans or veteran’s families in need of help.  

Bob Waldron  – President Susan announced that the Board has approved a motion to establish the Bob Waldron Scholarship Fund within our Venice-Nokomis Rotary Foundation. It will be initially funded by setting aside all of the current funds in the Venice-Nokomis Rotary Foundation. These funds and any additional contributions and earnings gains will continue to be used for educational scholarships, as they have been in the past. Debbie Waldron was very appreciative.  

50/50 $1,350 in the pot, 28 cards remaining. Rich Cimo held the winning ticket but could not draw the Joker.  

Cart Talk  

Jane opened with reminding us that worldwide someone is diagnosed with Alzheimer’s Disease every 3 seconds, and every 65 seconds in the US. Jane’s message today on Alzheimer’s prevention was that healthy sleep habits are crucial to a sharp and productive mind. Be consistent with your sleep habits – go to bed and wake up at the same time every day. Jane also celebrated World Alzheimer’s Day, which was September 21st. This has been celebrated since 1994, and a World Alzheimer’s Month has been celebrated since 2012. Alzheimer’s was first diagnosed by Alois Alzheimer, a German psychiatrist, in 1901. Alzheimer’s Disease is not just a condition of the elderly – 200,000 people under 65 currently have been diagnosed with Alzheimer’s in the US alone.
year. He thanked us for supporting the John Ryan Invitational and hopes to win one of the scholarships this year. He is not sure about college at this point, but would like to continue to play in college. He noted the differences between his team in Indiana and VHS, which were dramatic; his team in Indiana was “not so great”, whereas he loves to play for VHS and looks forward to practice every day. After a hard day in class he really enjoys getting out on the course and playing with the guys. Brent complimented Marcus on his mentoring of younger players this year, and Marcus noted he is very thankful for the coaches at VHS and has enjoyed his 3 years playing in the program. Brent also mentioned that a former VHS player who has graduated college has become one of the coaches for the team and gave him a lot of credit for developing each player on the team.

Jackson Adams is also a senior at VHS this year and is this year’s Captain. He also thanked us for sponsoring the John Ryan Invitational, which the entire team enjoys playing, and for the scholarships. He plans to play in college, although he did not mention where he plans on going. His career plans at this point are to work in physical therapy and be a sports trainer. His dad is a local pro and has been his primary model in developing his game. Jackson says he also looks forward to practice every day, and that playing golf after a tough day at school relaxes him. Charlie Mills questioned how playing golf can be “relaxing”. Both boys were also asked about their handicaps – Marcus’ is 4, and Jackson’s is 2.

50/50 Drawing – $1,370 in the pot, 27 cards remaining. Charlie Mills held the winning ticket but could not draw the Joker.

PTL – Jeff was in fine form today and had a lot of extra time for fining people. He began by fining Brent Pinkerton. Brent and Jeff last played, in the desert, in mid-August, when the temperature was 110 degrees. They only managed to play 12 holes. Brent said “Yeah, Jeff, and you shot an 80”. Jeff also asked Matt Cary about his handicap – it’s a 5 – and Jeff noted that Matt was the BMOC when playing in college but his college golf fame faded quickly when Dustin Johnson came to his school three years later. Jeff also commented that it’s a big deal to “shoot your age”, especially when you are in your 70’s or 80’s. He reminded us that an 18 hole round of triple bogeys totals 126, and he complimented Jack Kurschner on shooting his age when he plays. Chuck Snyder, Matt Britton and Doug Laudenslager were all fined for something to do with a “commotion” at the food table. Some one on zoom had Ted Cruz as their picture, and Jeff attempted to fine them. It ended up that it resulted from someone at the VYC watching the news on their phone, and there was a suggestion that Doug should be fined for that. Jane was fined for possibly confusing Jim Renz during her CART talk, regarding getting consistent sleep. Jeff asked if Jim’s naps during meetings are part of his “sleep routine”. Susan was fined for missing next week’s meeting, with the Past District Governor – Jeff noted that “my daughter is getting married” is a pretty lousy excuse for missing a meeting. Tom Hanks and Juliana Cavallaro were fined for never varying their seating – usually together and quite often with the “old folks”. Juliana had to cover the fine for Tom. FSU covered the spread for the Notre Dame game a few weeks ago, but Kevin Hanley was not here to pay up on his wager. Stuart Boone put in a “Shame $”, in hopes that Jeff will no longer have to bring up FSU in any manner. Jeff paid a happy $ for the UF/Bama game. It was a great one – UF 29, Bama 31 – and UF nearly pulled off the upset. Jeff also paid a happy $5 – he got to be in the tunnel when the UF team took the field, something he had always wanted to do. Did you know that on 09/23/1806 the Lewis & Clark expedition returned to St. Louis? Jim Renz did . . . he was there. And did you also know that on 09/02/1779, John Paul Jones won a sea battle with two British warships off the coast of Ireland? Well, Jack Kurschner and Roger Button did . . . they were both there for the battle. Jack was asked if he and Roger saw each other that day, and Jack said they were trying to avoid each other. Doug was asked if he had hired Mark Beebe to “redesign the bar” at the VYC? The bar had been expanded today: there were 3 high-top tables in the elevator. Mark said it is a bit tight for riders, and it’s tough for the wait staff to deliver drinks. Bob Johnson perked up on that news, and is planning to ride the elevator more often after this. Jeff and Mark were wearing very similar shirts today. Jeff quickly fined Mark, claiming he was underdressed, since Jeff was wearing a blazer. Mark also narrowly escaped a fine for noting that UF lost to Bama by 3, rather than 2 (Ah . . . VHS math . . . and Mark was there!).

**Upcoming Programs**

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Tony McNair had a happy $ for his stepson, who has always wanted to be a firefighter and just got sworn in with the Sarasota County Fire Department. Jeff Pick contributed $250 to the Foundation, for Bob Waldron's Scholarship fund, in Bob's name. Rob Fish picked up on the football talk, noting that UConn, always known for football, recently lost to Army 52 – 21, but they “covered” since Army was favored by 34. Rob also celebrated his birthday on 09/22 at the Rays game, which they won 7 – 1 to clinch the American League East. He went on just a bit long, and it rightfully turned into a $5 fine for him. Don Lazzaro has been looking to donate some stuff to the Salvation Army and got some directions to the SA donation center (next to Detwiler’s on 41 Bypass). Chuck Snyder was $4 happy. $1 for once shooting his age with 3 to spare (he’s a 15 handicap), and for a hole-in-1 in the same round. He was $3 happy for just having returned from a coast-to-coast trip with 3 women. 30 years ago that would have been a dream come true – now he’s just happy to have survived. Neal had a hopeful $1 for UF football, and a win against Bama the next time. Wendy was happy to announce that the VN Rotary Golf Tournament is set for June 11, 2022 at the Calusa Lakes course. Mike Sundaram was happy to have just returned from a 3-week visit with his son in Philly, where he stuffed himself with pizza and donuts, but only gained 4 pounds. Evan Lebson put in $1 for lateness (4-Way Test), and another $5 for having just returned from an extended trip to Maine. Evan had also sent in a contribution for the Bob Waldron Scholarship Fund. Ron Johnson put in $2 happy dollars – glad to be back and congratulations to the VHS golf team for their success. Jane Mendola’s kids always wanted a dog when they were young, but Jane managed to put them off because she was working. She is very happy that her son finally got a dog – a “gorgeous” new mini-poodle for his kids. Elaine E. just returned from visiting her 12-year-old grand-daughter, who is ill with cancer in Michigan. She learned that her grand-daughter’s therapist once spent a year in Turkey as a Rotary Exchange student. Her grand-daughter will be on chemotherapy through next March, so let’s all keep her in our prayers. Charlie Mills told a joke about adoption – a young girl asked her Mom “Am I adopted?”, and the Mom said “Not yet . . . we just put the ad in the newspaper”. Ba-da-Boom. Joe Pokorney put in a hopeful $2, anticipating a win for Wisconsin this Saturday against Notre Dame. Finally, Dave Pankiw put in a happy $ for Penn State’s win over Auburn, and John Myers then doubled it.

The meeting ended with the 4-Way Test.
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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Below is some information about donor recognition awarded to donors to the Rotary Foundation.
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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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          George H. Wheeler, Jr. (completed year)
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          J. Howard Vaughn (completed year)
1965-66  Leon D. Terry, D.D.S.
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2018-19  Jane Mendola
2019-20  Wendy North
2020-21  Matt Britton

Interact Club
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 Governor - 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

Board Meetings
2nd Thurs. of each month | 5:00 PM
Venice Chamber of Commerce

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