

Gulf Breeze 3/8/2011

Last Week -

Guests:

Larry Engdahl from Maine. Herb Brown from Clearwater Rotary Club. Herb was the president of Rotary International in 1995/1996. Jared Brown, who is a past district governor of our district and member of the Clearwater Rotary Club. Andy Noll from the Clearwater club. Roberta Cantor, from Salem, Mass. Bob Wheeler, a frequent visitor from New Hampshire and the spirit behind the motorcycle raffle.

Happy Bucks:

Carole Owenby for the cast on her left arm. It could have been worse. It could have been her right arm. She thanked Ray for calling the ambulance. **Janet Henderson** for her friends from Colorado who were in Christchurch, New Zealand during the earthquake, and who made it home, although a few days late. **Ray Kingsbury** gave a happy buck for Earl Tapley being in our club. **Dick Willson** followed that by recommended buying a copy of Earl's book. **Sara Kessinger** gave advice for getting into Disney World rides quickly. Get a wheelchair and it is much faster. **Jonathan Skinner** gave a happy buck for Jeff Rhoads and the Florida Auto Exchange stadium, for giving Jonathan an upgrade at Spring Training opening day game.

50/50 Raffle Bill Francisco won \$15.

Announcements:

- President Melissa announced that we are down to the last 3 weeks of the motorcycle raffle. We have volunteer positions available for Mardi Gras, St. Patrick's Day and an event at Cricketers Pub, where the drawing will be.
- **The meeting of 3/15 will be cancelled and instead be at Dunedin High School on March 16th at 7:30 a.m. with the Interact Club.**
- Jeff Rhoads has Blue Jay tickets for anyone that might want one.
- Wendy Barmore is the VP for the Downtown Merchants and is chairing the Mardi Gras celebration. It's the 20th anniversary and non-profits can participate in the parade for free this year.
- President Melissa announced that four scholarships were awarded by the scholarship committee; 3 four-year scholarships and 1 one-time. She will announce the names later after the recipients have been notified; and she thanked the scholarship committee for their time.

The Program: Nora Mihopoulos spoke about the outbound GSE program which this year is sending a team to Australia in May. She got involved in the program as a volunteer host family for a GSE team from India. She is the alternate team leader for the group to Australia. Our club has the largest exposure in the district for supplying team leaders and team members. GSE was started in 1965/66 by Rotary International as a professional study exchange for groups of non-Rotarians led by a Rotarian team member. The teams consist of 14 members and 1 leader. There is an extensive and rigorous education program to train the members for travel. This year our district is sending one team to Australia and one team to Chile. The Rotary International foundation pays for the trip with travel and some training and the district pays for the rest. Next year our district is sending a group to South Korea. Host families and transportation to activities are the hardest aspect of arranging the groups. The GSE team from Australia will be here May 13th.

*****NO MEETING ON TUESDAY MARCH 15 *****

Next meeting: **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 7:30AM AT DUNEDIN HIGH SCHOOL
INTERACT CLUB BREAKFAST**

