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The bulletin of the Venice-Nokomis Rotary Club

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Greeter/Invocation: Tony McNair was our greeter and temperature taker. Since Tony was to give the CART Talk, President Matt gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. We sang "God Bless America" as Ken McBride provided the musical accompaniment.

Attendance: Roger counted 38 members attended in person at the Yacht Club and another 14 on Zoom. Lisa Reese announced two guests, Pete from Canton, Ohio and Scott who will be joining shortly. David announced a guest, Kelly, and Michael Kenyon joined us a prospective new member.

Announcements: The **Drawing for a new Car** was to be held Thursday, April 22nd at 5 PM at Mathews-Currie Ford at 130 N Tamiami trail, Nokomis, FL. The winners will also include a 2nd prize of \$5,000.00 and a 3rd prize of \$1,000.00. The total ticket sales at 12:00 stood at \$48,600 plus the additional \$2,100 that we received during a 50/50 drawing at a Braves game at the Northport Stadium. Hallelujah to our club members who sold so many tickets.

Wendy North reminded us that the **Golf Tournament** is coming up June 5th. Sign-ups are continuing and forms are at the front tables each week. Nancy Weaver donated two \$50 gift certificates, Roger did as well, Julie Stalnaker is donating an MSRP bicycle.

Monday's Herald Tribune featured a front-page article on the difficulties of child care during COVID. Matt and his wife were recognized for caring for 7 children during these tough times.

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More Greeters are needed for the month of May. Matt thanked Tony for stepping up without notice today.

Upcoming Service opportunities.....The International Youth Exchange has been cancelled, but an alternative is being investigated. We will be spreading mulch at some location in town. We need 20 volunteers for a Saturday. Dave discussed a joint project with the Englewood Rotary Club and the Venice Breakfast Club. It is to create mini reef habitats. More on that soon.

Sunshine Report

There was no official sunshine report per Barb, however it was reported that Phil Adams has badly pulled or ripped ligaments in the Quad muscles (leg). We know that is painful so we wish him well.

Cart Talk

Tony McNair was brief but to the point. We know that in the U.S. a new diagnosis of someone with Alzheimer's is every 65 seconds. But in the world the statistic is of course worse.... Every 3 seconds a person is diagnosed with Alzheimer's - Just 3 seconds.

Program

Lisa Reese announced our speaker and presenter John Dale, who along with his wife, Beata Dale own Shark Tooth Distillery.

I found a very informative article in the Sarasota Herald Tribune from April 7th. I encourage everyone to Google "Shark Tooth Distillery" and to read that article. John gave us a brief history of what started out as a hobby to create something and to have fun doing. John admits, that he knew nothing about distilleries, but their idea went from concept to shelves in 8 months.

They called around to 15 distilleries, and then got lucky and help from Steve Milligan and family who own Loaded Cannon Distillery in Lakewood Ranch. With their help, they were able to have 540 bottles ready for their first tasting held at Island Time Spirits on April 10th from 2 to 5 PM. Normally a good day is selling 35 bottles, they sold 360 bottles to 200 people. John said that he was lucky and loves his new town of Venice. Eventually their goal is to open a distillery in Venice with a restaurant that overlooks the distillery through a glass wall. A gift shop will be added soon

as well.

John briefly described their process of making vodka from corn which is mashed up with 3 yeasts. The mash is transferred to a still and filtered, then mashed again and filtered again, 17 times in total.

They hope to soon be producing a potato vodka which is so popular especially among Polish people. They want to eventually add flavors as well. First, probably orange, the lime and lemon.

John was very strong in his gratitude for a 70-year-old person of German descent who had been involved as a local distributor for over 40 years. Georg Pitthan had wanted to at least semi-retire from A-N-T Wines, Inc. He not only did he own the license, but also warehouse space, 4 trucks, and a great many contacts. Along came John and Beata and Georg said "It is yours". Georg continues to help

In conclusion, John talked about how he wants to give back to Venice and to honor new traditions. We cheered their success as we enjoyed a taste of his smooth yet tasty and clean vodka.

Pay The Lawyer

Tom Hanks was fined for 2 egregious offenses being late and his phone ringing. John Bragg was fined for not being late. Rich Cimo was also fined \$1. Skip Sayers \$2 since we haven't seen him in a while. The CPAs, Tom Hanks and Juliana Cavallaro, were each fined \$3 for drinking vodka and then going back to work. Mark Beebe was fined because of a complaint about noise in the room. Tone McNair fined for wearing shades. Hub Cap Handley \$4. Chuck Snyder fined because of 2 significant dates, 4/20 and Earth Day being in the same week.

Jim Romano is sorry to be gone for 4 months, but excited to be seeing his grandchildren in Seattle. Bruce Bench was \$20 happy that he received his 2nd COVID shot. Hub Cap Kevin Hanley was \$200 happy - \$100 for his new puppy, a Jack Russell, but misses his favorite an 11-year-old boxer. \$100 for his daughter, Megan, heading off to Auburn University, and for Justin's baseball success at John Carroll University, where he leads in HR's, RBI's. Colleen gave \$5 for her daughter ranking 5th in the state and going to nationals for lyrical dance. Rob Fish \$2 happy for the club's support in his election to the E E Spray committee. John LeRoux did a great job as his campaign chairman

The meeting ended with the 4 Way Test.

Upcoming Meetings

4/29

Tom Fitch

Classification Talk

5/6

Jesse Lazarus

Teacher of the Year Awards

5/13

Nicole Kaplan

Siesta Key Rum

Getting To Know Your fellow Rotarians



Please meet one of our newest members, Juliana Cavallaro, who joined us earlier this year.. Juliana was born in Portland Maine on September 6, 1993. Her family moved to Venice when she was only four years old. She attended Venice High School for three years and

transferred to Sarasota High where she graduated in 2012. She received her Bachelors Degree and her Masters in Accounting from the University of Tampa in 2017.

She had learned about Rotary when she was in high school where she was involved with the Rotary Futures Program and knew someday she would be a Rotarian, Since joining us this year she was on the “Teacher of The Year” committee and has also been active in our Big Car Drawing Promotion.. She says she is very happy being a Rotarian as it gives her an opportunity to give back to our community.

Juliana joined Young, Young, and Hanks as a C.P.A. this past January. Both Susan and Tom Hanks were her sponsors for joining Rotary.

She enjoys the Beach, Boating and Golf. She played Basketball for Venice High and also at the U. of Tampa. Her father coached Basketball at Venice High and is now a teacher there. She has two brothers who are doing very well for themselves. One brother was the valedictorian at Venice High School and is now a JAG in the Marine Corps stationed in Washington, D. C. Her other brother is currently a pitcher for one of the N.Y .Mets minor league teams.

She says she loves being a Rotarian and plans to very active in our club

50/50

There was \$480 up for grabs. Ken McBride had the lucky red ticket ending in 2870. There were 44 cards left including the Joker. Next week, there will be 43 cards left and even more money to be won.

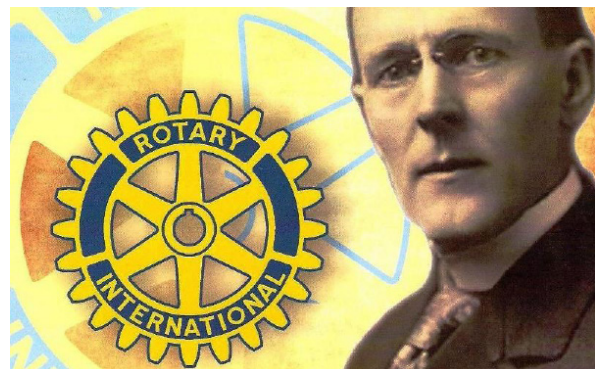
Paul Harris

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.



The Rotary Foundation Donor Recognition Program

The Rotary Foundation, a 501(c)3 charity, needs your support to continue their excellent work in the United States and throughout the world. The foundation accepts, checks, credit cards, bank account charges, IRA distributions, and tangible assets such as stock transfers.

You can also donate with your dues payments. The Rotary Foundation enjoys an outstanding reputation and the highest ratings from companies that rate non-profit organizations, such as: www.charitynavigator.org

Below is some information about donor recognition awarded to donors 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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Venice-Nokomis Rotary Club Past Presidents

Thank you to all of our past presidents who have fearlessly led the Venice-Nokomis Rotary Club to greatness!

1947-48	James T. Blalock	1982-83	James B. Powell
1948-49	Robert S. Baynard, Esq. M.A.	1983-84	Clifton F. White, Esq.
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1961-62	John E. Davis	1996-97	Richard W. Dodderidge
1962-63	Jay H. Lumley	1997-98	Jeffrey P. Johnson, D.C.M.
1963-64	Lauriston Rutherford, D.D.S. (moved)	1998-99	Daniel O'Hara
	George H. Wheeler, Jr. (completed year)	1999-00	Mary Stanley
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	J. Howard Vaughn (completed year)	2001-02	William D. Willson
1965-66	Leon D. Terry, D.D.S.	2002-03	Eiaine M. Boyer
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1972-73	Gerald H. Hollestelle (resigned)	2009-10	Lat Farr
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1980-81	Paul A. Dent	2018-19	Jane Mendola
1981-82	Ronald W. Higel, D.D.S.	2019-20	Wendy North



Interact Club

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

2020-2021 Club, District & RI Calendar

Aug.	First Club Assembly
Aug.	VNR Scholarships
Sept. 3	District Governor - Jim Hincks
Sept. 10	Club Closed - Zoom Only
Oct. 24	Ride to End Polio
Nov.	Interact Dinner *no noon meeting
Dec.	Christmas Party -CANCELLED
Dec.	Salvation Army Bell Ringing
Jan. 14/15	Art Fest Setup- CANCELLED
Jan. 16/17	Art Festival - CANCELLED
Feb.	Valentine's Dinner at Fins
Feb 14	BIG Car Raffle
March	Annual Doc Matson Awards
March	RLI, Keiser University, Ft. Myers
April 15	BIG Car Raffle Drawing
April	District Assembly, Port Charlotte
April	Annual Club Picnic
May 6	Teacher of the Year Award
May	District Conference, Naples
May	Investment in Youth presentation
June 5	VNR Golf Tournament
June	President Matt's last club assembly
June	Susan Hanks installation banquet

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2nd Thurs. of each month | 5:00 PM
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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 Sunrise: 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 am 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

April Birthdays

Brooker, Matt	4/11
Carpenter, George	4/10
Downs, Jerry	4/28
Kindell, Kim	4/03
Lebson, Evan	4/05



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