



The Spoke

“Our Camp Rotary”

“Susan Schmitt offers Message and Mission”



It was great hearing **Susan Schmitt** update us on activities at Rotary’s Camp Florida. As we know, Camp Florida is a 21 acre non-profit organization that offers outreach to children with special needs and challenges. Located in Brandon, the Camp offers day and overnight rentals and provides campers air conditioned cabins, kitchen, dining and assembly hall, library, pavilion, fire pit, and pool. Rotary’s Camp Florida, Inc. is a not-for-corporation (its Board being composed of members from various Rotary Clubs and Districts) and has a number of wonderful and ambitious long-term goals, including the building of a modern dining hall. Our Club Foundation has supported Rotary’s Camp Florida and you can as well. There are a number of ways to get involved with the Camp’s unique and Rotarian mission. Susan will be happy to answer your questions—and thank you Susan for your leadership and commitment.

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LASTWEEK'S MEETING

President-elect Sandy presided. **Carl Schwing** delivered the invocation; the Estero High School honorees led the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Larry Miller** the 4 Way Test. **Ron Anderson** led us in a rousing version of "Don't Fence Jon In."

Jack Powers introduced us to this month's Estero High School Award of Excellence winners. Congratulations to Jennifer Hambling (faculty); William Eyre (staff); Katie Slater (Academic); and Eduardo Martin (service). Thank you for your generosity of time and talent.

Relay for Life is fast approaching. The event takes place Saturday April 26 from 4:00 pm- 7 am. Relay has already attracted 41 teams, 230 participants and has raised over \$56,000. See **Geri Spaeth** for information on how you can participate and contribute.

Mark Generales offered a Habitat for Humanity program overview. We hope to help build 4 Habitat homes this year and will need about 20 Rotarians to accomplish that goal.

Hard to believe, but our Summer Golf Tour will soon be underway. **Mark McCaw** confirmed that once again this summer we will visit some of Southwest Florida's nicest tracks for a morning of golf and friendship. The first tee off will take place in May so see Mark to make certain your email is on his golf distribution list.



Don Thomson reminded us about the Luau in support the Wonder Garden which will take place Friday, April 25th. Proceeds will support the Wonder Garden initiative. Tickets are \$50 each—see **Don** or **Gary Price** for more information.

And finally... a very natty **Bob Lombardo** donned his Producer's hat and offered thanks to all who participated in and made "It's A Wonderful Life" the great success that it was. Bob reported that the theatrical production generated a profit of approximately \$12,500. Bob was very kind and generous in offering thanks, but it is the Club—all of us—that should offer him great gratitude for the vision and determination that created a wonderful life for us all those special nights in February. Thank you Bob.



On Being Rotarian—“Boston to Key West”



With 5725 miles, 220,000 calories and 315 training hours logged—and that’s only through February 28) **Jon McLeod** strives “to help change the world one heart at a time.” And he has certainly captivated “our” heart with his determination, his courage and his compassion. There are a number ways we can help, support, and cheer Jon on right now. Visit his website, sign up for his blog (it’s very cool) and contribute. Thanks Jon—your Club is incredibly proud of you.



Rotary Club of Bonita Springs, chartered November 3, 1978, meets every Wednesday at Bonita Bay Club. The Club may be contacted through its mailing address P.O. Box 474, Bonita Springs Florida 34133, or its websites www.bonitaspringsrotary.org. and www.facebook.com/myrotary. **The Spoke**, the Club’s official newsletter, is published weekly throughout the year (except when the Club is in recess.) You can reach the Spoke through its email riverchip12-spoke@yahoo.com



**"The Fifty-Fifty"
This Week's Big Prize-~~\$~~2,858.50**

Last week an exhilarated Jim Horein drew the Queen of Diamonds to win ~~\$~~5.00.

As always,,we're all winners as the "fifty-fifty" helps keep our Club strong and ready to serve.



It's A Birthday Celebration!

***Kae Moore, April 12
John Spear, April 12
Brian Olitsky, April 15***



**Our
Upcoming
Speakers**

**This Morning,
Susan Bridges
Center for Arts of
Bonita Springs**



**"Rotary Sings"
"Easter Parade"**

In your easter bonnet, with all the frills upon it,

You'll be the grandest lady in the easter parade. I'll be all in

clover and when they look you over,

I'll be the proudest fellow in the easter parade.

On the avenue, fifth avenue, the photographers will snap us, And you'll find that you're in the rotogravure.

Oh, I could write a sonnet about your easter bonnet, And of the girl I'm taking to the easter parade.

The 4-Way Test
Of the things we think, say or do.

Is it the **TRUTH**?
Is its **FAIR** to all concerned?
Will it build **GOODWILL**
and **BETTER**
FRIENDSHIPS?
Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to
all concerned?

This Morning's Invocation

O God, as individuals and as a Club help us to engage in worthy endeavors, not for personal satisfaction but for the benefit of others. Empower us to be men and women, not only of professional ability, but of such integrity that our words and works will be winsome and effective examples for others.

As we tend to the organizational details of our Club and projects, help us to always keep on mind the larger and higher purposes of our chartered existence.

We ask for Your blessing upon the food awaiting us that that we may be physically strengthened for continued service. May all we do and say be productive and to Your ultimate glory.

Amen.

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