



The Spoke

A Celebration of Service

Bob Lorenz Wins 2012 Service Above Self Award



Rotary is the world's first service club organization, its message and mission being heard in more than 200 countries and geographical areas. Our motto, "Service Above Self," exemplifies the humanitarian mission and spirit of all we do.

Rotarian Jim Boyd, reflecting on the essence of Rotarian service, wrote, **"Rotarians demonstrate the strength of their commitment to Rotary in the service they render to their club, through their club to the community and through the Rotary Foundation to people throughout the world. Being a Rotarian is a way of life...."**

Those words so richly reflect and describe **Bob Lorenz**. His example and sense of service, stewardship, and philanthropy to his community and to his Club stand as a wonderful example of what true Rotarian service really means.

Congratulations Bob on being the 2012 Service Above Self Award winner. It is so very well deserved.

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LASTWEEK'S MEETING...A CLUB ASSEMBLY



President Bobbi presided. **Kae Moore** delivered the invocation; **Susan Schmitt** the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Sue Masters** the 4Way Test. **Ron Anderson** conducted and led us in the singing of our National Anthem.

We began a very busy Club Assembly Agenda with **President Bobbi** reminding us to visit and become familiar with our Club website which **Jim O'Leary** has been generously maintaining. With its calendar, event, and speaker updates, it is literally an electronic cornucopia of Club and Rotary information. Make it a browser "favorite" today.

Brian Olitsky offered a pre-event briefing on our Star Spangled 5K. The Race event, as reported in this week's Spoke, was a huge success.

President Bobbi turned the meeting over to **Past President Stephanie** who presented several Certificates of Appreciation and the 2013 Service Above Self Award to **Bob Lorenz**. **Stephanie** proceeded to deliver a comprehensive and interesting report on the RI Convention

which she attended in Lisbon. Two Rotarian traditions then unfolded as the 2012-2013 banner was officially retired and **Stephanie** presented **President Bobbi** with the Presidential clock.

Jay Berube reported on the bed race which was part of the Star Spangled Bonita Celebration. It is the Spoke's understanding that Jay's "Rotary in Motion" team proceeded to win that race and we look forward to a celebratory and confirming report at this morning's meeting.

President Bobbi continued the Assembly by introducing the current Board, Executive Committee, and Club administrative responsibilities.

Mark McCaw reported our Golf Tour visits the following tracks this month--July 13 Raptor Bay; July 20 The Colony; and July 27 Pelican's Nest. Thanks Mark for organizing these events.

Finally, from a grateful Editor...thanks to **Ron Anderson** and **Scott Gerrish (rr)** for contributing photos to this week's Spoke.

President Burton's July Message--A Challenge For A New Year



This is an incredibly exciting time to be a Rotarian. This Rotary year can be one of the greatest years we have yet experienced in Rotary –

but it is up to each one of us.

It's time for us to recognize that the real challenge we face isn't just bringing new members into Rotary. It's turning all members into true Rotarians. It's helping members get engaged in Rotary

– helping them realize the potential they have, and how their Rotary service can change lives. We need to make sure that every member is active and contributing, and making a real difference – because when you're doing meaningful work in Rotary, Rotary is meaningful to you.

When we realize what we can achieve in Rotary – when we really engage Rotary – that's when lives change. We change the lives of the people who need us. That is inevitable. And along the way, our lives are changed as well. That is also inevitable. That's what our theme is

all about in 2013-14: Engage Rotary, Change Lives.

It's time to open our eyes to the potential each of us has through Rotary. Rotary lets us reach higher, do more, and be a part of something larger than ourselves. No matter how much we give to Rotary, we get more in return. And that, too, is inevitable.

In 2013-14, let's turn all of our potential into reality. It's up to us. We can do it by engaging in Rotary service, by getting involved, by staying inspired, and by remembering every day the gift we have in Rotary. Together, we will Engage Rotary, Change Lives

"A Star Spangled Day"

In keeping with all that "is" our Club, we celebrated Independence Day with style, fun, and enthusiasm. The day began with our traditional 5 K run. Thanks to **Brian Olitsky** and his Committee for organizing a world class event in support of Gift of Life. (The new course was fun and built for speed.) Many of us reconvened later in the day at Riverside Park to celebrate our Country, our friendship, our families and all that is Rotarian.



Rotary Club of Bonita Springs, chartered November 3, 1978, meets every Tuesday at Pelican's Nest 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"
Congratulations Richard!**

In dramatic fashion Richard Garner last week won our "super" Fifty-Fifty.

**"Rotary Sings"
"In the Good Old
Summertime"**

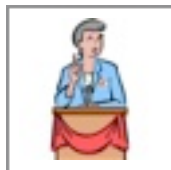
In the good old summer time,
In the good old summer time,
Strolling thro' the shady lanes
With your baby mine;
You hold her hand and she holds yours,
And that's a very good sign
That she's your tootsie wootsie
In the good old summer time.



**It's A Birthday
Celebration!**

Frank Mazzeo, July 10
Ira Hawk, July 13
Dawn Colecchio, July 14

**Our
Upcoming
Speakers**



**This
Morning,**
Nancy Panozzo,
Marketing Coordinator,
Renaissance Academy

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

Father of all mercies, on this mid-summer day, with fields and forests alive with growing things, make us alive in spirit and alert in mind that we might add beauty and meaning to the world.

We hold our own Club in prayer, asking that our efforts be in tune with Your Will, and therefore, productive in society. Use all the components of this meeting to remind us of our privilege and accompanying responsibility as Rotarians.

Bless our food and fellowship today that we may be empowered to out and do good. Amen.

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