



# The Spoke

## “Service Above Self”

*Our Club’s International Partnership Makes A Difference*



**“Rotarians demonstrate the strength of their commitment to Rotary in the service they render...to people throughout the world.”** J. Boyd

It was thus fitting that **Sandy Scoggins** reported that our Club recently participated in a matching grant project in partnership with the Rotary Club of Los Charcas Bolivia, District 4690, and Alfalt International.

The project funded an adult literacy program to assist mothers to learn reading and writing skills in Spanish and learn basic math. In addition, the grant supported a preschool literacy program for one year, impacting the lives of approximately 600 students.

Thanks Sandy for the vision and leadership which made this project an impactful reality.

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**LAST WEEK'S MEETING**

**President Bobbi** presided. **Ray Faubion** delivered the invocation; **Nancy Ross** the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Jack Powers** the 4 Way Test. **Ron Anderson** led a rousing version of "In the Good Old Summertime."

**Clara Anne Graham** offered a report on Shots for Tots. We served 15 families last week. The Shots for Tots team meets the first Tuesday of each month to assist with one of our Club's longest running service initiatives. If you would like to help, see Clara Anne for more information.

We then turned out attention to reviewing the results of our Independence Day service activities. **President Bobbi** reported that beer sales at Star Spangled Bonita netted \$4,760. **Brian Olitsky** briefed us on our 5K race. 220 runners participated in the event. Brian believes that proceeds from the 5K will allow us to sponsor another Gift of Life child.

Thanks to all for making this year's Independence Day activities especially meaningful.

**Roger Brunswick** introduced us to our

speaker, Nancy Panozzo, Marketing Coordinator for the The Renaissance Academy of Florida Gulf Coast University.

Nancy offered an

informative overview of the Academy which offers a variety of lectures, courses, classes and life enrichment opportunities. Thanks Nancy.



**AROUND THE CLUB**

**Please Help**

Summer is an especially critical time for the Bonita Assistance Office as it meets the needs of Southwest Florida. Jelly/jam, maseca/flour, vegetable oil and tuna are in short supply. **Throughout the month of July we will be collecting those items at our meetings for delivery to the Assistance Office in early August.** Thanks in advance for your help.

**The Tour Continues**

Throughout the summer our "Golf Tour" convenes Saturday mornings at some of the area's premier courses. We always have fun and last Saturday's Raptor Bay round was no exception. Thanks to **Mark McCaw** for organizing these events. The Tour visits The Colony this weekend, Pelican Sound July 27, Bonita Bay August 3, La Playa August 10, and Shadow Wood August 17.



## From RI: A Paul Harris Moment “One In A Million”

You could say each Paul Harris Fellow is one in a million. During the past 50 years, over a million people have contributed \$1,000 or more to The Rotary Foundation, earning a designation named after Rotary’s founder.

**Anyone who gives \$1,000 or more to the Annual Programs Fund, PolioPlus, PolioPlus Partners, or a specified Matching Grant can be recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow. This amount can come from a lump sum or cumulative gifts over time. People also can be honored if someone else makes a contribution in their name.**

When it became clear that the million mark had been reached, the Foundation set out to identify exactly who the millionth Paul Harris Fellow was. The task proved to be challenging.

**So instead, the Foundation recognized 34 individuals – one donor from every Rotary zone. Among those who received the special plaques**

**and certificates were Rotarians Christina Asch and Ted Rowe.**



Christina Asch says Rotary will always be important in her life because her club was there for her during her darkest hour. In 2002, Asch’s daughter, Kimberly, died in a car crash at the age of 22. After the Rotary Club of Titusville-Sunrise, Fla., USA, raised \$1,500 in Kimberly’s memory, she asked

that the money be used to help distressed children. It was donated to the Titusville Police Department in 2005 to help fund the construction of the Safari Room, as well as the Safari Family Waiting Room. The Foundation chipped in with an \$885 District Simplified Grant to help furnish the spaces.

While the police department rooms were under construction, Asch began giving back to the Foundation. She started with a \$200 contribution to the Annual Programs Fund and continued to

give whenever she could, “passing the \$1,000 threshold and earning” Paul Harris Fellow Recognition.

Rotarian Ted Rowe, a retired Southwest Minnesota State University math and science professor, remembers growing up in Dayton, Ohio, USA, in the days when kids were still turned away from public swimming pools because of the risk of contracting polio.

“What the Foundation is doing for the eradication of polio is simply fantastic,” says the member of the Rotary Club of Marshall Sunrise, Minn. “It helps keep polio in the minds of Americans.”

When Rowe received an e-mail congratulating him for being a millionth Paul Harris Fellow, he was humbled by the honor. “I represent all the past and present Paul Harris Fellows,” he says. “This wasn’t my achievement. It’s Zone 25’s and the Foundation’s.”



**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](http://www.bonitaspringsrotary.org), and [www.facebook.com/myrotary](http://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](mailto:riverchip12-spoke@yahoo.com)



**"The Fifty-Fifty"  
This Week's Big Prize-~~\$~~500**

A delighted Anthony Scrocco drew the Five of Clubs to win ~~\$~~500.

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

**"Rotary Sings"  
"Lazy River"**

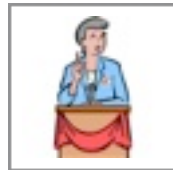
Up a lazy river by the old mill run  
The lazy, lazy river in the noon day sun  
Linger in the shade of a kind old tree  
Throw away your troubles  
Dream a dream with me-ee  
  
Up a lazy river where the robin's so-ong  
Awakes the bright new morning  
Where we can move along  
Blue skies up above,  
everyone's in love  
Up a lazy river, how happy you could be  
Up a lazy river-er with me



***It's A Birthday Celebration!***

***Rolando Rivera, July 17  
Ken King, July 18  
Rex Sims, July 19***

**Our  
Upcoming  
Speakers  
This Morning,**



Katherine Green,  
President & CEO  
Habitat for Humanity  
Lee and Hendry Counties

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 most high, jolt us from lethargy about the world and our own community by a vivid awareness of the needs we can help to meet. Stir our hearts, engage our minds, and energize our wills to demonstrate our values in daily situations. We seek no glory for ourselves, only the good of the community and world we are privileged to serve.

May our gathering today here today re-energize us for these opportunities. Bless our food and fellowship, not just for our own personal needs but for strength to serve others.

We are grateful for the privilege of so doing. Amen.

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