



The Spoke

“On Mending And Rebuilding”

“Rotary Is There To Help”



More than three years after an earthquake, tsunami, and nuclear disaster triggered widespread devastation in Japan, the physical scars are beginning to mend. Debris has been removed. Coastal communities are being rebuilt. Farming and fishing have resumed, and thousands of people have moved in to new housing.

But the Rotary Clubs of Koriyama West, Japan, and Englewood, New Jersey, USA, are concerned with the emotional and psychological impact caused by the triple disaster, known in Japan as 3/11, which claimed more than 19,000 lives and displaced hundreds of thousands of people.

With a Rotary global grant, the clubs purchased mobile video conference equipment for four mental health clinics in areas most affected by the Fukushima nuclear power plant crisis. These tools now connect mental health care providers in Japan with trauma experts at the Arnhold Global Health Institute in New York City, where psychologists treated survivors and witnesses of the September 11 attacks.

To augment the new resources, Koriyama West members will organize multidisciplinary mental health care teams from Fukushima Medical University to make outreach visits to temporary shelters and schools in and around Tohoku, a town near Fukushima. Additionally, survivors of 3/11 will be able to talk via video conference to 9/11 family members and first responders who lost loved ones and colleagues in the tragedy.

Yanagisawa says that 3/11 survivors came to her after group sessions to say how encouraged they were to move forward with their lives. This is our [the two participating clubs] goal: to help communities in Japan overcome their grief and find the strength to rebuild their lives," she says. "Bringing together survivors from two different disasters, from opposite ends of the world, we hope will bring about a sense of international community." *(Courtesy of RI)*

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LASTWEEK'S MEETING

President Sandy presided. **Frank Kinzie (rr)** delivered the invocation; **Frank Liles** led the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Tom Briers** the 4 Way Test. Musical Director **Ron Anderson** led us in an delightful version of "Take Me Out To The Ballgame."

Dictionary Day 2014 A Rotarian Tradition Continues



A smile. A handshake. A "thank-you." That wonderful and human moment, emphasizing Rotary's commitment to the full expression of literacy and the potential it imparts, took place not only at Bonita Springs Elementary School but throughout Lee County this past Friday as Rotarians participated in "Dictionary Day." Once again this year "Dictionary Day" initiative provided dictionaries to third graders in the Lee County School System. As always, our Club enthusiastically supports "Dictionary Day." Thanks to **Roger Brunswick**, his Committee, and all who labeled, distributed and participated in one of the most Rotarian of activities.

It's That Time... This year's Poinsettia Sale is in "full bloom." **Susan Schmitt** has all the details. Let's make this year's Sale a huge success.



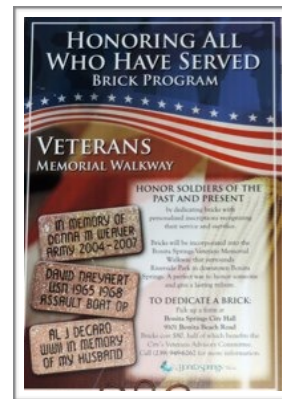
World's Greatest Meal



The "World's Greatest Meal" is extraordinarily Rotarian. It represents "Our" effort to fight polio. All funds collected during either actual or "virtual" meals go straight to The Rotary Foundation/End Polio Now account with full credit going to our Club. Our "Greatest Meal" will take place during our club meeting October 24. It will be a memorable, enjoyable and important meeting, teeming with surprises and a special guest speaker. If you would like more information on "World's Greatest Meal" check out the program's website—wgmeal.com. It's a fun site and emphasizes how we as Rotarians—wherever we are—stand as one in our effort to fight and eradicate polio.

"Honoring All Who Have Served"

A Veterans Memorial Walkway is being constructed in Riverside Park. You are invited to dedicate a walkway brick in honor of a Veteran. **Bob Lombardo** has all of the details of how to make that happen. Half of the proceeds from brick sales will benefit the Bonita Springs Veterans Advisory Committee.



Around The Club

Member Spotlight

Last week, **Susan Hill** stepped into the Member Spotlight. Born in White Plains, New York, one of Susan's first jobs upon graduation from college was work at a Museum of Transportation. She viewed her work at the Museum as a "fantastic opportunity" to educate children and adults. Susan later worked in group homes for Developmentally Disabled adults. She related how her husband would complain about Northern winters and not surprisingly she and her husband John moved to Bonita Springs "for the wonderful weather, beaches and beauty." Susan worked in Immokalee and Naples as an art teacher and aide with children with disabilities. She then moved on to Barnes and Noble for more than 10 years discussing books and helping with the store's Christmas drive which provided needy families the books they could not afford. Susan also reflected on how our Club is such an integral part of the community. Welcome Susan—thank you for your commitment to service. We are glad you are a member of our Club.



Tom Briers is leading a Nominating Committee to fill a vacancy on our Club Foundation Board. If you are interested in serving on the Foundation Board, please see Tom.

Charter Day

Rotary Clubs throughout the world traditionally and uniquely observe Charter Days, "birthday"

celebrations which both entertain and remind members of their Club's rich history and traditions. **President Sandy** has announced our Charter Day will take place at our November 5 Club meeting. If you would like help plan our Charter Day celebration, please see **President Sandy**.

Rotary recently announced a New Member Sponsor Recognition program which acknowledges and honors those who strengthen Rotary by sponsoring a new member. **Dale Timple** was recognized by sponsoring **Scott Vail** as a member of our Club and received his sponsorship pin from **President Sandy**. Thanks Dale and congratulations.



Our Speaker

It was good visiting with our friend R. Arden McCurdy last week. As its Executive Director, Arden (joined by its current President Charles T. Hopkins) briefed us on the current activities of one of our region's most treasured resources, The Speakers Assembly of Southwest Florida. The Speakers Assembly seeks first, to present distinguished speakers who offer national and global perspectives and second, enhance relationships with community educational institutions. The Speakers Assembly always welcomes new members and you can reach them at SpeakersAssembly@aol.com.



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—\$1477.50**

Last week an enthralled Jon McLeod drew the Jack of Hearts to win \$5.00. As always,,we're all winners as the "fifty-fifty" helps keep our Club strong and ready to serve.

**"Rotary Sings"
"This Land Is
Your Land"**



This land is your
land, this land is my land
From California to the New York
Island
From the Redwood Forest to the
Gulf Stream waters
This land was made for you and
me.

As I was walking that ribbon of
highway
I saw above me that endless
skyway
I saw below me that golden valley
This land was made for you and
me.

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**It's A
Birthday
Celebration!**

**Juan Teodoro, October 8
Scott Anderson, October 13**



**This
Morning's
Speaker**

**Colin Feng
"China: The Good, The Bad,
The Ugly"**

**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

Good and Gracious God, at the outset of our time together, we pause to acknowledge with gratitude, not only the tangible things we call blessings and by which life is sustained, but also the intangible realities buy which life is enriched. We are thankful for ideas to explore, dreams to realize, work to do and service to give.

In this month designated as Vocational Service Month, we pray for help in using our vocations to serve others and not just ourselves.

We do pray for others, the sick and sorrowing, the anxious and burdened. Grant health and comfort, patience and strength, peace and assurance to all who need these gifts.

For our own abundant blessings we give thanks, for food and friendship and for all opportunities open to us as Rotarians to make a difference for good. Amen.

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