



The Spoke

“World’s Greatest Meal”

“It’s Our Turn to help ‘Complete’ the Picture ”



The above collage has space reserved for one more important picture—“ours” which with your help and participation will occur at our Club meeting October 22. On that morning we hold our own “World’s Greatest Meal” to celebrate the accomplishments of Polio Plus and raise funds for the “end game”. Our meeting will be memorable, festive, and fun. You’ll have the opportunity to acquire an oil painting by George Lewis, “The Water Man” or achieve Paul Harris recognition. But most importantly, you’ll participate in a cause that is noble and Rotarian. The World’s Greatest Meal website confirms these events are truly impactful. Consider that for as little as 60 cents a child can be vaccinated against polio for life and that every dollar Rotary commits to polio eradication through 2018 becomes three dollars thanks to the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation match. So come to our meeting on October 22 ready to help, share, and “smile.”

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LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President Sandy presided. **Dawn Colecchio** delivered the invocation; Estero High School student **Carson Young** led the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Chris Riesen** the 4 Way Test. Musical Director **Ron Anderson** led us in a magical version of "This Land is Your Land."

Our Speaker

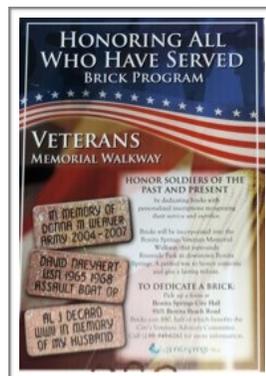


Last week we heard from Dr. Colin Feng who addressed us on "China: The Good, the Bad, The Ugly." A financial advisor and an economics professor, Dr. Feng graduated from Xian Jiao University and holds a PhD in Economics from The Ohio State

University. He is active in the community, holding a variety of leadership roles among them President of the Naples Asian Professionals Association and the Southwest Florida Chinese American Association from 2007 to 2010. He also is a member of the South Fort Myers Rotary Club. Dr. Feng offered a comprehensive overview of China's culture and economy. Thank you Dr. Feng for an interesting and engaging presentation.

"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.



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.

A Member Moment

Rotary recently announced a New Member Sponsor Recognition program which acknowledges and honors those who strengthen Rotary by sponsoring a new member. **Sue Masters** was recognized by sponsoring **Susan Hill** as a member of our Club and received her sponsorship pin from **President Sandy**. Thanks Sue and congratulations.



It's Poinsettia Time



As the above photo attests, selling poinsettias is great fun. And coincidentally, our Poinsettia Sale is in full "bloom." Order forms are available and **Susan Schmitt** has all the details on how you can help make this year's sale a success. Think about that business or organization that would enjoy the beauty and breadth of "our" poinsettia plants.

Germ Set To Become Rotary's New President

John F. Germ, a member of the Rotary Club of Chattanooga, Tennessee, USA, and chair of the International PolioPlus Committee, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of RI in 2016-17. He will become the president-nominee on 1 October if there are no challenging candidates.

"I envision Rotary boldly and creatively engaging the success of polio eradication, membership and identity issues, strengthening clubs, work with youth – our future lifeblood, and the creation of critical, strategic partnerships," says Germ. "The 2016-17 Rotary year offers a tremendous opportunity for Rotary International and the Foundation partnership unified and thriving, on all levels, via the six areas of focus."

Germ says no one should ever have to ask, "What is Rotary?"

In 1965, after four years in the U.S. Air Force, Germ, an engineer, joined Campbell and Associates Inc., an

engineering consulting firm. He now serves as the company's board chair and chief executive officer.

In 1970 he was recognized as Tennessee Young Man of the Year, Engineer of the Year, and Volunteer Fundraiser of the Year in 1992. A Rotary member since 1976, Germ has served Rotary as vice president, director, Foundation trustee and vice chair, chair of Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge, and RI president's aide. He is a recipient of Rotary's Service Above Self Award and The Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Award. He and his wife, Judy, are members of the Arch Klumph Society.

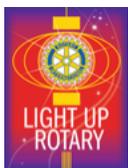
"Rotary will adapt to a rapidly changing world by embracing innovation within the guidelines of our tradition and values," says Germ. "By aggressively embracing new technologies, social media, and new opportunities, individuals and businesses will see that Rotary helps promote a good civic and public image while adding credibility to their people." (Courtesy of RI)

Estero High School Awards of Excellence

It was great welcoming our friends from Estero High School back to our Club meeting. Our Club has a long tradition of supporting public education and the Awards of Excellence emphasize this commitment by honoring students, faculty, administrators and staff who truly make a difference and enhance the quality of education each



and every day at Estero High School. Jack Powers introduced the following Awards of Excellence winners: Carson Young (Academic Student); Joseph Bautista (Service Student); Earl Pipoly (Staff); and Cindy Smock (Faculty). Congratulations and thanks for all you do.



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—\$1545**

Last week a delighted Bobbi Bird drew the Four of Hearts to win \$500.
As always,,we're all winners as the "fifty-fifty" helps keep our Club strong and ready to serve.

"Rotary Sings"

**Shine On
Harvest
Moon**



Oh, Shine
on, shine
on, harvest moon
Up in the sky;
I ain't had no lovin'
Since April, January,
June or July.
's no time, ain't no time
to stay
Outdoors and spoon;
So shine on, shine on,
harvest moon,
For me and my gal.



**It's A
Birthday
Celebration!**

None to Report



**This
Morning's
Speaker**

Scott Vail
"On Customer Service"

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 Lord of the universe, as this month hastens by we become conscious not only of passing time but the seasonal transitions built into the world of nature. We pray that as we deal with the various transitions we encounter in life, we will be given needed faith, endurance, patience and strength, enabling us to make positive experiences out of the changes which will come.

As Rotarians committed to serving others, help us to be sympathetic facilitators of change in those who struggle with unwanted changes.

Help us to be good stewards of our abilities, our resources, and our time for our own sake and for others.

Bless now to our physical use the food prepared for us, and to our need for sociability, the fellowship of this group. Amen.

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