



The Spoke

“The Highest Honor”

RI Reports Our Foundation Receives Order of the Quetzal



The government of Guatemala awarded the Order of the Quetzal, the country's highest honor, to The Rotary Foundation last month, in recognition of Rotary's humanitarian work in Guatemala and its contributions to the campaign to eradicate polio.

During a ceremony on 2 September held in Guatemala, Minister of Foreign Affairs Luis Fernando Carrera Castro presented the award to Rotary International President-elect Gary C.K. Huang.

The Order of the Quetzal, established in 1936, recognizes officials and organizations from Guatemala and elsewhere for their work in the arts, sciences, politics, and humanitarian service. The Rotary Foundation received a badge on a sash necklace designating its rank of Grand Officer, one of six ranks. The badge, a ten-pointed cross with five branches and a medallion, represents the coat of arms of Guatemala.

"On behalf of all Rotarians and Rotary, we are honored by this award from the Guatemalan government," Huang says. "We want to share this with all Rotarians."

"This award is not just for the Foundation or the Rotarians in Guatemala, but for Rotarians all over the world," says Jorge Aufranc, past governor of District 4250 and a member of the Rotary Club of Guatemala Sur. "It is international recognition for the work that all Rotarians do."

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LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President Bobbi presided. **Julie Pedretti** delivered the invocation; **Sara McCallum** the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Peter O'Flinn** the 4 Way Test. **Ron Anderson** led a rousing version of "When You're Smiling."

It's always great when our Rotaractors visit and last week was no exception as **Tom Burgess** introduced us to Sarah Fayed, Milan Stamatovic, and Rozzelle Santos, and Jin Fang Li. Welcome Rotaractors—we're always glad to see you.

President Bobbi reminded us that a Rotary Social hosted by **Jim and Annie Renfro** takes place this coming Friday, November 15. Please plan on attending. A sign-up sheet has been circulating, or you can email **Peter Zahner** at pzahner@impexintl.com.

President Bobbi announced that **Frank Mazzeo** has accepted appointment to our Club Board of Directors for the 2011-2014 term. Thank you for your service Dr. Frank.

Susan Schmitt reported that our Poinsettia Sale is winding down to its conclusion with one more sales week to go.

We are close to meeting our goal and the sales results have been outstanding—thanks. If you have additional orders, Susan will be more than happy to help.

Clara Anne Graham offered a Shots for Tots report and indicated that we provided service to 16 families. Shots for Tots is one of our Club's most revered community initiatives. If you would like more information on how you can participate, please see Clara Anne.

An Editor's Note... During your humble Editor's brief sabbatical, a change in the storied history of the Spoke occurred with **Jon McLeod** graciously and generously taking over responsibilities for its printing. On a personal note, thanks go out to **Mark McCaw** and his team for making sure a copy of the Spoke made its way to every Club meeting for over six years. Their help, patience, and good humor will always be remembered and appreciated.

And finally...**President Bobbi** acknowledged the fun and festivity that was



Around The Club

An Anniversary Celebration

Our most excellent and celebrated Sergeant-at-Arms, **George Cohan** reminded us that our Club recently observed the 35th anniversary of its Rotary charter. In observance of that occasion George commissioned the services of a very special chorale which provided a unique musical tribute to our Club's anniversary.



Last Week's Program

Last week we were pleased and honored to welcome James R. Nathan, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Lee Memorial Health System back to our Club podium. A recognized leader and expert in health care reform, Jim holds a Master of Business Administration and

Health Care Administration from Xavier University.

His presentation focused on the whole area of health care delivery and reform, both from a philosophical and historical perspective. He argued that the "status quo" in health care was not working, offering as evidence a system that is greatly fragmented and extremely expensive. He suggested that the current delivery system was bankrupting the nation and ineffective for chronic care management.

Jim offered some suggestions for health care system improvement and presided over a lively and interesting question and answer period. Thanks Jim for a great presentation. Visit us again soon.



Our President's November Message

Every Rotarian joins Rotary for his or her own reasons. Often, the reason someone decides to join isn't the same as the reason that person ultimately decides to stay. When I was asked to join Rotary, I accepted because I thought it would be a good way to get more involved in my community. In the end, though, what really got me excited about Rotary service was something I didn't even know about when I joined: our Rotary Foundation.

We are in the middle of one of the most



exciting years we have ever known for our Rotary Foundation. We've just rolled out a new grant model, one that will challenge and inspire us all to think bigger and to develop more ambitious projects that will have a more lasting impact.

Our Foundation's goal always has been Doing Good in the World. With our new grant model, we aren't going to be satisfied with simply doing good. We will do the most good we can, in the most lasting ways possible – for the people who need us the most.



Rotary Club of Bonita Springs, chartered November 3, 1978, meets every Wednesday 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"
This Week's Big Prize-~~\$~~1,366**

Last week a delighted Carl Nickel won ~~\$~~500.

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

***"Rotary Sings"
"God Bless America"***

God Bless America,



Land that I love.
Stand beside her, and
guide her
Thru the night with a
light from above.
From the mountains, to
the prairies,
To the oceans, white with
foam
God bless America, My
home sweet home.



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

Bob Lombardo, November 10

**Our
Upcoming
Speakers
This Morning,**



**Club
Assembly**

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, in this month designated as Rotary
Foundation Month, we are grateful for all the charitable work
accomplished by the Foundation around the world. We pray
that administrators of that fund will be guided in their
stewardship in behalf of others. We pray also for all other
agencies and programs within the context of Rotarianism
world-wide.

Bless with your favor our own Club and District endeavors.
Give us vision and imagination as we search for new and
different ways to be of service.

We confess to taking for granted the blessing of food and the
gifts of fun and fellowship. Accept our thanks today for these
blessings. Amen.

