

The Spoke

Lest We Forget



2013 Weather Forecast Upper Mid-West

January 2013: temperature 20° (7° above avg.); precipitation 0.5" (0.5" below avg.); **Jan 1-3:** Snow showers, cold; **Jan 4-14:** Snow, then sunny, quite mild; **Jan 15-16:** Snow showers, colder; **Jan 17-31:** Snow showers, mild.

February 2013: temperature 10° (3° below avg.); precipitation 0.5" (0.5" below avg.); **Feb 1-9:** Snow showers, cold; **Feb 10-15:** Sunny, very cold; **Feb 16-28:** Snow showers, turning mild.

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LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President **Stephanie Kissinger** presided on National Static Electricity Day. **Susan Schmitt** gave the invocation; **Wendy Arsenault** led the Pledge of Allegiance; and new member **Drew-Montez Clark** flawlessly recited the 4-Way Test.

Sandy Scoggins read a portion of an email from Roscoe Turner, a Rotarian with the Sarasota Club. He has made 25 trips to Thailand and has done numerous projects there to help people living near Chiang Rai and the Burma border. He wrote:

"I am not supposed to say this but my wife is not looking at the moment. I enjoy helping good people. I mean I REALLY ENJOY helping. She thinks I only go to Thailand to work there, but I'm really having fun. Please don't let her know.

I love to see the light bulb go on when I have shown the workman a "better" way,

I love to see the happy teachers and students laughing as we play and sing together.

I love to see the pride when a child, with all the courage they can muster, talks in English to a foreigner, for the first time in their life.

I love to watch the timid become self confident, in only a few days.

I especially am happy with the friends that 2 -3 years later still remember me.

Yes, all this is what I RECEIVE as a Rotarian!"

Thank you for sharing that, Sandy.

Don Manley reported that after meeting with Wheelchair Foundation founder Ken Behring, Ken is donating \$30,000 to

Paddling for a Purpose. That will mean shipping a large container of 280 wheel chairs to El Salvador.

Ron Anderson led the singing of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic". Stephanie said "That wasn't too bad."

Stephanie convened the Annual Meeting to elect members of the Board of Directors. Bobbi Bird, chairman of the nominating committee, announced the proposed slate for the 2013-2016 directors. The slate of **Bobbi Bird, Steve Slachta, Fred Partin,** and **Jay Berube** was elected by unanimous voice vote.

Jane Goble urged members to sign up for the District Conference, May 16-19 at the Sarasota Hyatt. Details are at the district web site or contact Jane.

George Cohan was Sergeant-at-Arms. He greeted a first time visitor, threatened fines for late arrivals and missing pins, and organized a Happy Birthday for Don "Old Mudder" Manley. He did manage to extract \$100 from **Bob Rosier** as a sort of pre-paid late fine for the entire year.

George Cohan said, "*One of the goals of this club this year should be to increase membership in the club with quality people. We all know quality people. You heard Don Manley's report of people in El Salvador coming up to Hector on their knuckles hoping to get a wheelchair. That's what Rotary does for Planet Earth. We make it a better place. You guys and ladies know people that would like to help. They're the ones that should become members of the club.*"

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS:
HEIDI RUSTER



Nancy Ross introduced our speaker, **Heidi Ruster**, CEO of the Florida Southern Gulf Coast Region.

The International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement is active throughout the world. The Fundamental Principles are: Humanity, Neutrality, Independence, Unity,

Universality, Voluntary Service, and Impartiality.

The Red Cross was started in 1861 by a Swiss businessman as a movement to take care of wounded soldiers. This was the beginning of The Geneva Convention that established the standards of international law for the humanitarian treatment of war victims.

The Mission of the American Red Cross is to "prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors." Regional services offered include Disaster Response, Service to the Armed Forces, Health and Safety Services, Disaster Preparedness, and International Service. In the U.S., 92% of the human resources of the Red Cross are volunteers.

Heidi explained that the American Red Cross is one of 185 societies of Red Cross and Red Crescent that make up the international federation. The national societies support each other if requested and each has specific roles in a disaster. She explained that a Red Crescent society is identical to a Red Cross society. When a society is formed it may adopt a logo of the red cross, the red crescent, or the red crystal.

Upcoming Speakers

January 16, Sarah Owen, Southwest Florida Community Foundation and Debra Braendle, Bonita Springs Community Fund

January 23, Steve Agius, The Wheelchair Foundation

January 30, The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida

February 6, Donn Wagner, Evaluation of Sports Teams Performance

February 13, Steve McIntosh and FGCU Rotaract

February 20, Either Dr Burke, School Board, or Larry Kiker, Lee County Council

Club Events

Super Bowl Party, Sunday, February 3rd at Jon McLeod's.

Habitat for Humanity, Saturday, March 2nd. Contact Ron Anderson.

Reverse Raffle, Saturday, April 20th

District Conference, May 16-19. Contact web site or Jane Goble.



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 website www.bonitaspringsrotary.org. **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-

"The Fifty-Fifty"

This Week's Bog Prize--\$1,527

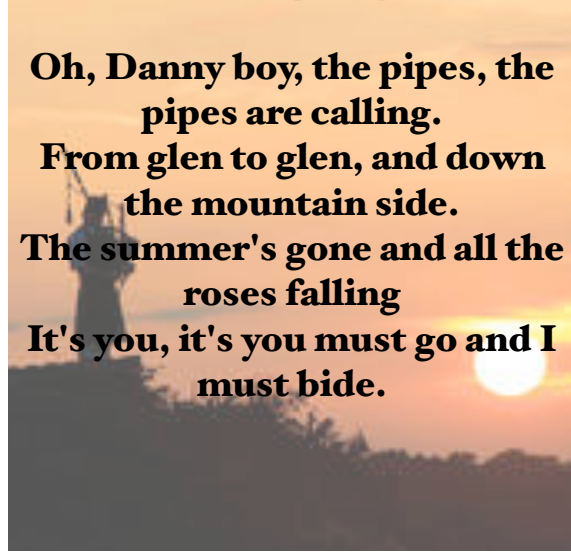
A prayerful Bobbi Bird drew the 6♣ to win \$5



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

Rotary "Sings"

"Danny Boy"



**Oh, Danny boy, the pipes, the pipes are calling.
From glen to glen, and down the mountain side.
The summer's gone and all the roses falling
It's you, it's you must go and I must bide.**

**But come ye back when summer's in the meadow.
Or when the valley's hushed and white with snow.
I'll be here in sunshine or in shadow.
Oh, Danny boy, oh, Danny boy, I love you so.**



It's A Birthday Celebration!

- Gary Colechio 18 January**
- Bob Rosier 19 January**
- Marjorie Rubacky 19 January**

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**The 4-Way Test
of things we think, say or do.**

**Is it the TRUTH?
Is it FAIR TO ALL CONCERNED?
Will it build GOODWILL and
BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
Will it be BENEFICIAL to all CONCERNED?**