



# The Spoke

## Fred Partin and BSU



Stephanie introduced our speaker, **Fred Partin**, the Executive Director of the Bonita Springs Utility. This is the member-owned, not for profit, public utility that provides water and wastewater service in our area.

In the late 1960s, a group of Bonita Springs civic leaders saw the need for a central water system to serve the growing community and its future citizens. Bonita Springs Utilities was conceived. Organizers secured commitments from 1,000 property owners needed for the Farmers Home Administration loan to build the system. In 1970, the FHA loan for \$976,000 launched the development of a central water system in Bonita Springs

In 1981, Fred joined the utility as general manager. The water treatment plant was expanded to 3 million gallons per day.

By 1990 capacity had expanded to 6 million gallons per day and, in late 1991, BSU acquired a private wastewater treatment facility and began work to provide central sewer service to its water customers.

During hurricanes Charley and Wilma BSU provided continuous service to its water and waste water customers in spite of many days of electrical outages.

Last year the utility had assets of \$358 million and revenues of \$37 million. There were 41,000 customers using an average of 8 million gallons of water per day and 4 million gallons per day of wastewater.

Over the years several Rotarians have been active members of the board of directors. Currently, **Frank Liles Jr**, **John Mathes**, and **Hank Hostetler** are members. Thank you for your service and the vision that has developed this exemplary operation in our city.

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### Trustees of The Foundation of The Rotary Club of Bonita Springs

**Nancy Ross, President; Steve McIntosh, Secretary; Tom Burgess, Treasurer; Fred Partin, Guy Quinn, Ray Faubion, John Mathes, Trustees**

## LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Perhaps there are a lot of vegans in the club. In any case, there was a very sparse crowd as President **Stephanie** presided on "National Hamburger Day".

**Don Thompson** presented the invocation, **Carl Nickel** led the Pledge of Allegiance, and **Frank Liles** haltingly led the 4-Way Test.

**Tom Burgess** reported a joy that he will be attending the high school graduation of a grandson who will be attending college on a music and band scholarship.



**Bobbi Bird, Jim Dati, Dale Timble** and **Jon McLeod** gathered to lead the singing. However, cooler heads prevailed and Song Leader Emeritus **Steve Krchniak** led the singing of "By The Light Of The Silvery Moon".

Stephanie announced that nominations are open for the Foundation Board. The election will be at the June 11th meeting. Please contact **Jim O'Leary, John Spear, or Don Thompson** if you are interested.

**Marjorie Rubacky** reported that an eMail survey will be sent out asking for comments and opinions about speaker programs. Please respond, preferably by eMail.

**Mark McCaw** reminded us that Saturday Morning Golf continues at fine local courses. This is a fun event for golfers of all skill levels and is a wonderful opportunity for some golf and fellowship. Contact Mark at: [mark.mccaw@ubs.com](mailto:mark.mccaw@ubs.com).



**Brian Olitsky** noted the 4th of July Starspangled 5K is only 5 weeks away. There are still opportunities for sponsors. He has posters for display in prominent places and sign-up forms that could be left at gyms and other places where potential runners gather. Also, participants may sign up at [www.active.com](http://www.active.com).

**Bobbi Bird** explained that there will be a new procedure for manning the welcome desk starting July 1st. Bobbi is asking for volunteers of two people per month to take the job on a three or four month rotating basis. This will share the burden of the task that **Bill Banfield** has graciously performed for several years without relief.

Rotary News  
*What other clubs do.*



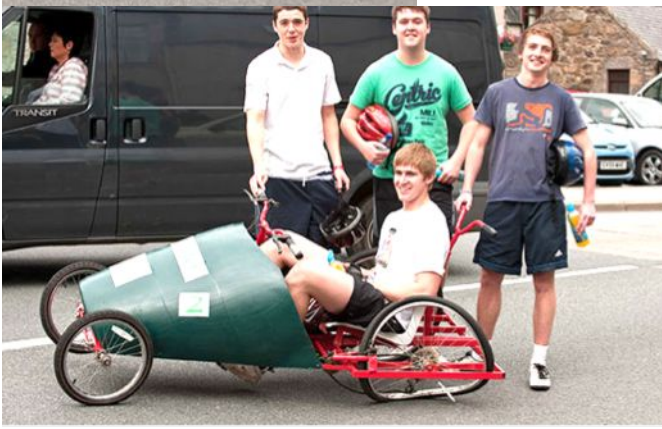
After three years of work, the Rotary Club of Lahaina, Maui, Hawaii, USA, completed a US \$300,000 renovation of the Lahaina Public Library, a 57-year-old structure that had fallen into disrepair

due to a lack of state funds.

The club collaborated with Maui Friends of the Library and the Hawaii State Library System to raise money, commission a redesign, remove and reshelve 35,000 books, and recruit 21 companies and more than 100 volunteers to provide pro bono services. It was the largest project in the club's history.



In August, the Rotary Club of Ellon, Scotland, and the Ythan Cycle Club hosted their third annual Ellon Pedal Car Race. (A pedal car is a four-wheeled, one-person bike.)



# Upcoming Speakers

**Today**, Patrick Nolan,  
 Fox 4 News

**June 11**, Patrick Hayhurst,  
 Director System Security &  
 Special Investigative Unit,  
 School District of Lee County

**Passing of the Gavel  
 &  
 Installation of 2013-2014 Officers of  
 The Rotary Club of Bonita Springs**

Friday, June 7, 2013 • 6:00 pm  
 Pelican's Nest Golf Club  
 4450 Pelican's Nest Drive  
 Bonita Springs, Florida 34134

Sundresses, Tropical Shirts  
 &

Your Dancing Shoes!  
 Music by The Sarah Hadeka Trio  
 \$50.00 per person

Cash Only Bar

Club dress code does not allow jeans

**Starspangled 5K**, Wednesday,  
 July 4th, 7:30am, Riverside Park.

The closed-road race around a half-mile course drew pedal-car cyclists from Edinburgh, Glasgow, and Perth. Eighteen teams, sponsored by local businesses, competed to rack up the highest number of laps in the hour long event, which raised more than US \$9,000 for Maggie's Cancer Centre in Aberdeen.

**"The Fifty-Fifty" NOW \$3,558  
A wide-eyed Jon McLeod 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.

*It's A Birthday Celebration!*



**Ray Faubion May 29  
Dick Hamlin June 2**

# Rotary Sings Stand By Me

When the night has come  
and the land is dark  
And the moon is the only light we see  
No, I won't be afraid, oh,  
I won't be afraid  
Just as long as you stand, stand by me  
  
So darling, darling, stand by me,  
oh, stand by me  
Oh, stand, stand by me, stand by me  
  
If the sky that we look upon should  
tumble and fall  
Or the mountain should  
crumble to the sea  
I won't cry, I won't cry,  
no, I won't shed a tear  
Just as long as you stand, stand by me

Your finances. Your future. *Our focus.*

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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?**



**Rotary Club of Bonita Springs**, chartered November 3, 1978, meets every Tuesday at Pelican's Nest Golf Club. The Club may be contacted through its mailing address P.O. Box 474, Bonita Springs Florida 34133 or its website [www.bonitaspringsrotary.org](http://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-spoke@yahoo.com](mailto:riverchip12-spoke@yahoo.com). Scott Gerrish (rr) issue editor.