

Club Member **Dave Shellenbarger** has written a book "Unspoiled Will Spoil You, The History of the Development of Bonita Bay".

Dave presented a slide show summary at a recent club meeting. The book may be purchased from Amazon. All proceeds from the sale of the book will be held in a newly established nonprofit 501 (c) 3 corporation, Preserve Bonita Bay, Inc.

The development of Bonita Bay, an upscale retirement community in southwest Florida, followed a plan different from other communities. Wetlands, wildlife habitats, and their supporting water flows made "off limits" before permitting and construction began.

The story of this process was gathered from newspaper archives and dozens of interviews with the people who worked in and around the community, and describes how Bonita Bay become a unique community, shared by wildlife, natural vegetation, and thousands of human residents.

All profits from the book will be held in a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation, Preserve Bonita Bay Inc. The profits will be used to provide seed funding for a memorial to David Shakarian, the founder of Bonita

Bay, or for other recreational and conservation needs in the community.

By purchasing this book, residents, stakeholders, and fans of nature preservation can register their support for the vision and ideals of **David Shakarian**, and perhaps can help to memorialize the man who envisioned and planned Bonita Bay.

Shellenbarger's appreciation for the natural beauty of Bonita Bay, its elegant lifestyle and diverse, sophisticated population has increased as the community was completed. Now that the community is fully governed by its residents, the story told in this book may increase resident understanding of how the community came to be - with the hope that residents will make decisions to preserve and nurture the community's wildlife habitats and natural areas in the future.



TWO WEEK'S AGO MEETING

President **Tom Briers** presided. Week 23. **Chuck Spears** presented the invocation, **George Cohan** led the Pledge of Allegiance, and **Peter O'Flinn** made a flawless presentation of the Four Way Test. **Ron Anderson** led signing of *O Christmas Tree*.



Sara McCallum stepped forward with **Juan Teodoro** to present Juan with his Paul Harris plus 1 award. In 1957, Rotary fellowships were named in honor of Rotary's founder to express appreciation for contributions of \$1,000 to the humanitarian and educational programs of the Rotary Foundation. Sara explained that there are many PHF awards in the pipeline that will be along Real Soon Now.

Sara reported that she had deposited \$473 from weekly blue bucket contributions for CART.

Adam Botana had big joys to report. His Bay Water Exclusive Boat Club has sold out all its memberships; the company

bought 800 "foot" of waterfront and will double the size of its marina; and the annual Boat Parade will be December 12th.

Don Manley reported back after having competed in the World's Toughest Mudder event in Las Vegas. He was second in his age group, reached his 50 mile goal and has signed up for next year.



George Cohan, seen here trading insider tips with **Steve Krchniak**, was Sergeant-at-arms. After dealing with a visiting Rotarian from Greensboro, NC, he conducted birthday greetings for **Brad Piotrowski**, **Carl Bals**, and **Paul**

Gavin. Paul didn't present the customary payola, so all he could get was a group whisper of "Happy Birthday, Paul".

We have a report from **Gift of Life International** on the impact our investment in Rotary Global Grant 1528500 had in El Salvador. "...*Thanks to your generous donation, doctors and nurses at Hospital Benjamin Bloom were empowered to do what they were trained to do...save their kids.*

"Additionally, they were provided expert training from some of the finest doctors and nurses in the pediatric cardiac field. You are part of the Gift of Life Global Network which is now a worldwide leader in the treatment of children with heart disease."

VOCATIONAL MOMENT



Past President **John Spear** provided our Vocational Service moment. John is a 32 year member of the club.

He grew up in Quincy, IL, and graduated from Christ College at Valparaiso U. and the U. of IL Law School. After law school, he practiced for 3 years in Granite City, IL before coming to Bonita Springs. His first office here was in the Naples Federal Bank branch office building. That building is now the Bonita Springs City Hall.

John specializes in real estate matters, including title insurance, residential and commercial real estate transactions, and other real property issues.

He is also active in many community organizations including serving as President of the Rotary Club of Bonita Springs, the Bonita Springs Speakers Assembly, the Bonita Springs Community Foundation and the Bonita Springs YMCA. He was named citizen of the year by the Bonita Springs Chamber of Commerce in 1990 and by the Bonita Springs Lion's Club in 1993. He also served as an elected member of the City Council for the City of Bonita Springs, Florida, from 2008 – 2012 and currently serves as a Board Member of the Bonita Springs YMCA.

John says his goal is “To take care of clients, to serve them, and to operate with integrity for those people you deal with who are not clients.”

The Rotary Club of Bonita Springs, Rotary Club of Bonita Springs Noon and the City of Bonita Springs have purchased a 14’ two-face Rotary clock tower to be placed near the NE intersection of Childers Street and Old 41 across from Riverside Park.

Both Rotary Clubs worked with the Art in Public Places Advisory Board of the City of Bonita Springs and the developer of the new downtown area to select a prominent location for the clock. “We see this as a local landmark meeting place for the people of Bonita Springs, as they traverse Old 41 and explore the new downtown,” said **Bob Lombardo** from the Rotary Club of Bonita Springs.



TODAY'S PROGRAM

Mike Jung,
News-Press Publisher

Mike Jung, a veteran media executive who was serving as publisher of the Idaho Statesman, took over as president and publisher of The News-Press Media Group on Aug. 24, 2015. Mike had previously worked for The News-Press' parent company, Gannett, as an advertising director at FLORIDA TODAY in Melbourne.



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**Last Wk: Wendy Arsenault
drew 8 ♦ to win \$5**



The 50/50 is \$2,177

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?

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**Rotary Sings:
I'll Be Home for Christmas**

I'll be home for Christmas
You can plan on me
Please have snow and mistletoe
And presents on the tree
Christmas Eve will find me
Where the love light gleams
I'll be home for Christmas
If only in my dreams

Birthdays

John Mathes Dec 10
Sandy Hemstead Dec 11
Mike O'Dell Dec 18

This Week
Mike Jung,
News-Press Publisher

This Morning's Invocation

Dear God, as we pursue our commitments as Rotarians, help us not to be satisfied with mediocrity in what we do, nor with shallowness in what we are.

In our culture where superficiality abounds, we pray for the will to demonstrate strong commitment to the rock solid values and virtues we espouse and embrace as persons and as a Club. Let our example to others be clear and compelling.

We offer thanks for food prepared for our use, and for those who serve us. Let our table conversations be uplifting, and our concern for others genuine.

May the time we spend here today be productive for the purposes to which we subscribe. Thank you for all the favors from Your Hand. Amen.