



The Spoke



“On Being Rotarian” *“The Art and Joy of Peacebuilding”*

Bobby Anderson was helping former freedom fighters in Aceh, Indonesia, adjust to life after combat when he heard about the Rotary Peace Center at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok. Anderson, who became part of the 2010 class of Rotary Peace



Fellows, says the program allowed him to reflect upon the work he had already done and gain a larger perspective beyond day to day practicalities.

“To be able to meet other people that had

done similar work in other places and to be exposed [during field study] to the disarmament, demobilization, and reintegration situation in Nepal was fascinating and helped me change how I think about the way I manage my own programs,” Anderson says.

Through its six peace centers, Rotary is developing leaders to become catalysts for peace in their communities and around the globe. The Chulalongkorn program offers a professional development certificate to individuals already working in fields related to peace.

Unlike the 15- to 24-month master’s degree program, the Chulalongkorn course lasts just three months. Because of the shorter time commitment and emphasis on relevant experience, the program attracts a broader pool of applicants. Chulalongkorn, which celebrates its 10th anniversary this year, has graduated 355 peace fellows from 69 countries.

The 10th anniversary celebration culminates with Innovating Global Peacebuilding conference at the end of this month. (From RI)

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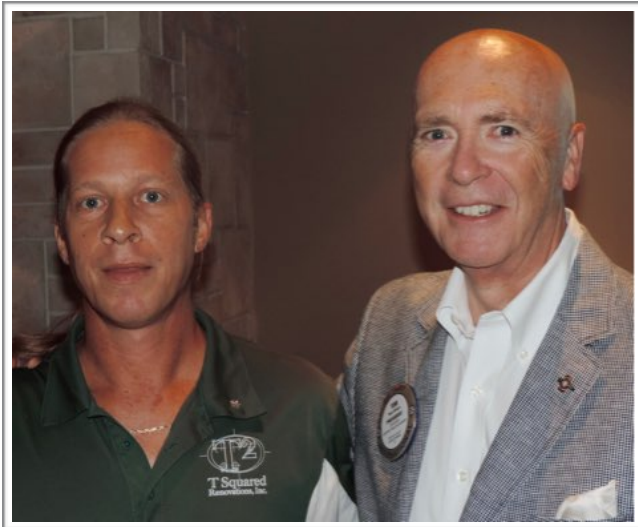
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LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President Tom presided. **Ray Faubion** delivered the invocation; **Roger Brunswick** led the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Susan Schmitt** the 4 Way Test. Musical Director Emeritus **Steve Krchniak** led us in a rousing rendition of "God Bless America."



Last week **Dale Timple** hosted last week's Vocational Moment. A state certified general contractor, Dale related, when still in high school, how his career started her 33 years ago in Sandusky, Ohio. He was 18 when he moved to Hilton Head where he attained his his first construction job. He continued educating himself in his profession which culminated in the creation of a renovation business. In 1998 after Dale visited his parents in Naples he decided to relocate to Southwest Florida. His work in Florida introduced him to work involving condominium renovations. The relationships he developed during that period of time ultimately led to the creation of his own company T Squared Renovations, Inc. Dale described his Rotary experience as "way of giving back to the community" and has contributed in innumerable ways since joining our Club. Thanks Dale for your presentation—and for being a great Rotarian.

Our Holiday Party Approaches

President Tom reminded us that time is running out to sign up for our Holiday Party which will take place Wednesday, December 9, 6:00 pm at The Colony Bay Club. You can register on-line on our Club website or sign up this morning.



Scott Anderson

reported on our Christmas Tree Sale. There are still some open time slots at the tent so watch for the sign-up sheet or chat with Scott directly. Thanks for your support of this important fund



raiser.

Thanks for Your Support

As **President Tom** expertly conducted an auction of a gift card to benefit the CART Fund (won by **Susan Schmitt**), we are reminded that each time a Rotarian contributes to the Blue Bucket prominently gracing our tables each and every week, he or she supports a noble cause, namely the CART Fund, a project of the Rotary Clubs of North America, whose purpose it is to provide funding for leading edge research for the cure and prevention of Alzheimer's Disease. Through 2015 the Fund had awarded over 5.2 million dollars to recognized research institutions. And 100% of donated funds support such research as all administrative expenses of the Fund are paid from interest earned from invested contributions. Thanks for your continuing support.



A Celebration: “Giving Tuesday”

President Tom invited all of us to join the global online movement celebrating the season with a gift to The Rotary Foundation. “Giving Tuesday” this year held on December 1, uses the power of social media and the spirit of generosity to promote giving and philanthropy around the world.



If you are reading this prior to our meeting you can support the cause by going online on December 1 make a gift to The Rotary Foundation. Then use social media to encourage your friends and family to do the

same. It’s the perfect opportunity to reach our supporters and build on the momentum of Rotary Foundation Month. (If you are reading this after December 1—do so anyway.)

Last year, the Foundation raised more than \$100,000 on Giving Tuesday. This year, the district with the highest number of donors contributing to the Foundation could receive a visit from Foundation Trustee Chair Ray Klingensmith. (From RI)

Last Week’s Speaker

Last week we heard from Heather Mazurkiewicz, Vice President of BJM Consulting, Inc., a firm that focuses on a variety of local government issues. In every sense Heather is a community leader, having served in leadership positions in a variety service and philanthropic organizations in our Region. Heather has also been named Gulfshore Business Magazine’s 40 under 40 and one of Southwest Florida’s most influential women.



She also has recently graduated from the North Collier Fire Academy where she served as the Class Leader. A Florida State Certified Firefighter, Heather described the protocols and proficiencies which are prerequisites to service as a firefighter.

Heather also briefed us on her work in support of Cancer Presumption Legislation in Florida which legislation requires workers’ compensation coverage for firefighters who develop cancer by exposure to carcinogens at a fire or hazardous-materials scene.

Thank you Heather for your presentation, as well as your leadership and commitment. Visit us again soon.



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 BonitaSpoke@aol.com.



“The Fifty-Fifty”

This Week’s Big Prize—\$2111

Last week, a delighted Carrie Reynolds drew the Three of Diamonds to win \$500.

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



It’s A Birthday Celebration!

Carl Bals, December 2

Paul Gavin, December 8

Brad Piotrowski, December 4



This Morning’s Speaker

Dave Shellenbarger
“A History of Bonita Bay”

“Rotary Sings” O Christmas Tree

O Christmas Tree, O Christmas tree,



How lovely are your branches!
In beauty green will always grow
Through summer sun

and winter snow.

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree,

How lovely are your branches!

O Christmas Tree, O Christmas tree,

You are the tree most loved!
How often you give us delight
In brightly shining Christmas light!

O Christmas Tree, O Christmas tree,

You are the tree most loved!

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, comfort and sustain members of our Club who are experiencing adversity of any kind. Use each of us as an agent of help and hope to our fellow Rotarians and to others who might benefit from our encouragement. Help all of us to realize that even out of adversities, blessings frequently come.

As physical beings we appreciate the physical things of life but help us to be even more grateful for the spiritual realities which give meaning to all of life. For gifts of food and fellowship we offer thanks, but also for faith and hope.

Grant us your consolation and peace. Amen.

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