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# The Spoke

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November 30, 2011

## This Week

This week's speaker will be **Christine Ross** Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce CEO. Christine has two masters degrees and more than 10 years experience in chambers.

## Last Week Meeting

President **Jim O'Leary** presided. **Fred Partin** delivered the Invocation, **George Cohan** led the Pledge of Allegiance, and **Melissa Taylor** led the 4-Way Test. **Ron Anderson** led the singing of *America, the Beautiful*.

President Jim noted that the Nominating Committee for the Board of Directors is looking for members for the board. See Jim or **John Spear** if you are interested or have a suggested nominee.

**Dave Shellenbarger** reported that the club had sold more than 1,300 poinsettias. There are about 90, 8" plants available for any additional orders. President Jim expressed the thanks of the club for Dave's skill and acumen in making this a successful event.

**Jay Berube, Mike Liggins, and Don Manley** applauded the Rotoract group for their help in getting the Christmas Tree tent set up. In addition, they praised **Ralph Pettit** (rr) for installing all the electrical requirements for the tent.

**Christmas for Bronis.** **Jean Faubion**, Ray's wife, spoke to us about the Brazilian Exchange Student living with them. She says, "Bronis is an amazing young man, asks for nothing, appreciates everything, and is thankful for everything we are doing for him... he will have just as many presents under the tree as my children." However, Jean wants to

get him something **spectacular** for Christmas. There was a rare passing of the hat and \$450 was collected. The gift will be marked from the Rotary Club.

President Jim announced "Breaking news, **Rick Barber** has been appointed to the Big Cypress Basin Board of Directors by Governor Rick Scott."

**Food Drive Competition.** Melissa Taylor explained the Food Drive competition among the three local clubs. The winner will be the club bringing in the most food December 14th. The two "losing" clubs will have to donate \$250 each. The food and cash are for the Bonita Assistance Office.

**Ron Anderson** reported that the Gift of Life Child from Belize will be hosted by **Karen** and **Mark McCaw**. He is scheduled to have surgery December 6th.

**George Cohan** recognized guests, tried to extract \$20 from **Roger Brunswick** for overzealous campaign eMailings, and organized the "Over 70 Chorus" (shown below) to sing Happy Birthday to **Jessica Berube**.



## Last Week Speaker Chief Mike Becker



**Mike Becker**, Chief of the Fort Myers Beach Fire Control District, a life long resident of FMB, was our speaker. The District's first ambulance was a donation by the Lions in 1949.

Presently, the District has 56 fire fighters plus administrative staff and a budget of about \$10 million.

Mike started in the District in 1989, became a Captain in 2005 and is now Chief. He was on duty as Battalion Chief with 9 men in 2004 when Hurricane Charlie arrived. They had to deal with 37 critical calls and 4 structure fires and had no cooperating agreements with other agencies. This created a big problem due to the lack of resources and mis-communication. One result was the replacing of many elected and appointed officials in the town.

That experience brought about the establishment of the FMB Community Emergency Response Team which may be the best in Lee County. Mike says that now "The FMB and Bonita Beach Fire Departments are the most cooperative agencies I have ever run into."

Mike lauded the State of Florida Bureau of Fire Standards for their school in Ocala saying, " the best trained rescue workers in the world come out this school."

Mike spoke briefly about Senate Bill 192, to encourage consolidation of Special Districts, which is being discussed in Tallahassee. He wonders if there is anything to be gained saying that reduced property values have already made districts run as lean as possible and noted that reducing payroll and benefits dollars requires extra effort when dealing with employee unions.

Mike and his four sons are active in the Boy Scouts. He heads an Explorer Post and is involved at all levels of scouting. He claims the Navy is recruiting his Explorers that he would like to get into fire fighting.

### ***Upcoming Events:***

**Sheriff's Toy Drive.** Ongoing. Drop toys in the collection box at meetings..

**Food Drive.** Bring food Tuesday, December 14th for the weigh-in.

**100,000 Meals.** Saturday, December 17th. Hyatt Regency Coconut Point.

**Christmas Party.** Saturday, December 17th, at St John the Evangelist Hall. \$100 ticket per couple gets appetizers, sitdown meal, and open bar.



**\$\$\$ 50/50 \$\$\$**

**This Week's Big Prize: \$500**

Last week an elated Bob Lombardo drew the  
6 ♦ to win \$5.



\$1/ticket. 3 for \$2. 10 for \$5. 25 for \$10.

**Happy Birthday!**

**Greg Holtz Dec. 1**

**Carl Bals Dec. 2**

### **The Spoke Folk**

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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?**



**Let's Sing, Rotarians!**



**Proud Rotarians**

Thanks for blessings in  
our care  
Happy to be free;  
Our abundance we will  
share  
Share thru Rotary.  
Rotary, Rotary, spread  
your message far.  
Brotherhood throughout  
the world  
Makes you a shining  
star.

### **Rotary Make-Up Opportunities**

Monday	Noon	Fort Myers South. Crowne Plaza. Bell Tower
Tuesday	Noon	Estero. Spring Run
Wednesday	7:30 AM	Naples - Gulf Shore. Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club.
	12:15 PM	Naples. Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club.
Thursday	7:30AM	Naples North-Country Club of Naples
	Noon	Bonita Springs-Spanish Wells Country Club
Friday	7:30 AM	Naples-Pelican Bay. The Club at Pelican Bay.

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