



# The Spoke

## “A Visit From Our Sheriff”

*“Sheriff Scott Offers Insight and Perspective”*



Last week we heard from Lee County Sheriff Mike Scott ( joined above by **Carl Schwing**). Sheriff Scott is a third generation native of Lee County, a graduate of North Fort Myers High School as well as the University of South Florida where he earned a Master’s Degree in Business Administration. Sheriff Scott holds numerous law enforcement certifications and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy where he was selected to give the commencement speech along side the FBI Director.

Sheriff Scott offered an interesting and comprehensive report on the activities and mission of our Sheriff’s Office. His presentation highlighted a variety of issues among them school safety, corrections, service calls, and community involvement. A lively question and answer period followed.

Thanks Sheriff Scott for your commitment to public safety.

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## LAST WEEK'S MEETING

**President Bobbi** presided. **Larry Miller** delivered the invocation; Lee County Sheriff Mike Scott led the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Fred Partin** the 4 Way Test. We joined a special acting troupe from "It's A Wonderful Life" with a rousing show-inspired serenade.

**President Bobbi** reminded us all that the "grand finale" of our *Rotary Has Heart* initiative will take place February 14 as we present the food and service items that we have been donating in support of the Bonita Assistance Office. The presentation will tentatively take place at Riverside Park at 1:00 p.m. Final details are on their way—thanks to all for supporting this most Rotarian of projects.



### **It's A Wonderful Life**

**Sue Masters** and **Wayne Hemstead** recently took a well deserved break from the rehearsals currently underway for "It's A Wonderful Life." As the excitement and



anticipation builds for this world-class production, now is time for you to buy (or sell) your tickets to this production to insure this project's financial success. Purchase tickets on-line or by utilizing the ticket order form that has previously been distributed. Your help and support is appreciated as we all look forward to celebrating "It's A Wonderful Life" February 11-13.

### **The CREW Concert Approaches...**

**President Bobbi** announced that this year's CREW concert will take place March 1. We once again will be "hosting" beverage service. Please mark your calendar and watch for the sign-up sheet.

**Jon McLeod** provided an update on his upcoming Boston to Key West ride. Securing corporate sponsorships is his current focus. As such, Jon will appreciate introductions to the medical profession, especially cardiologists, so he might share and describe the impact Gift of Life and the goal of providing its life-saving function on a local basis. Please help if you are able.

**President-elect Sandy** has announced that our Installation Dinner Social will take place on Friday, March 14. Please advise your personal digital assistant of this important date and event—additional information is forthcoming.

## **Love of Bonita**



It is remarkable to consider the number of our Club members who are also Love of Bonita Award recipients. It underscores why membership in this Club is such an honor and privilege as the Award recognizes those who utilize their time, energy, and talent to make a difference in the lives of people living within the Bonita Springs community. So it was fitting that **Nancy Ross** introduced our friend and Chairman of the Board of the Bonita Springs Center for the Arts Jacke McCurdy who announced that **John Warfield** will be this year's Love of Bonita Award winner. The news absolutely delighted us as John is a great and continuing example of what it means to be "Rotarian." John will receive his richly deserved award on March 12.

## Around The Club

### Chalk Art Sale Successful

As we all know, Miracles in Action provides Guatemalans living in extreme poverty with opportunities to help themselves through sustainable development projects. Miracles in Action recently hosted two tents at the Naples Chalk Art Sale, generating record sales in support of their mission.



Our Club was ably represented at this event by **President Bobbi** (to whom we offer thanks for her continuing commitment and passion for all things Rotarian). The Miracles in Action tent will next appear at the Sanibel Island Rotary Arts and Craft Fair, which will be held February 15 and 16. If you would like to volunteer, please email Penny Rambacher ([penny@miraclesinaction.org](mailto:penny@miraclesinaction.org)).

### The World's Greatest Meal



Conceived by Rotarians PDG Mukesh Malhorta and Susanne Rea, "The World's Greatest Meal" is a way to unite Rotarians in a common cause while raising funds to End Polio. As such, Rotarians

worldwide are being asked to hold a meal and raise funds to eradicate, once and for all, polio. Our Club will hold its "Greatest Meal" on February 26. Our Club Foundation will be making a donation to Polio Plus and will all be asked to make a similar donation (which will also count toward our individual Paul Harris designations). Additional information will be forthcoming—thanks for your generous support of this initiative.

### A Gift of Life Welcome



Last Saturday night we greeted our Gift of Life candidate Anna Weins and her father Peter. Thanks go out to **Ron and Ruth Anderson, Peter Zahner, Mark and Karen McCaw Klaus Helf** and **President Bobbi** for welcoming Anna and Peter to Southwest Florida. Special thanks also go out to **Adam Botana**, his Dad Omar and Bay Water Boats for providing Anna and Peter a beautiful and memorable Gulf sunset cruise. The Spoke has since also received the wonderful news from Ron and Mark that Anna's surgery went well.



**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](http://www.bonitaspringsrotary.org). and [www.facebook.com/myrotary](http://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 [riverchip12-spoke@yahoo.com](mailto:riverchip12-spoke@yahoo.com)





**"The Fifty-Fifty"  
This Week's Big Prize- $\$2,113$**

Last week an amazed Bill Banfield drew the Eight of Spades to win  $\$5.00$ .

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

**"Rotary Sings"  
"Give My Regards to Broadway"**



Give my regards to Broadway  
Remember me to Herald Square  
Tell all the gang at

Forty-Second Street  
That I will soon be there  
Whisper of how I'm yearning  
To mingle with the old time throng  
Give my regards to old Broadway  
And say that I'll be there e'er long.



**It's A Birthday Celebration!**

**Jonathan Shaw, February 6  
Gary Price, February 9**



**Our Upcoming Speakers**

**This Morning,  
Club Assembly**

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**

Gracious God, as we unite in prayer, we give thanks for the spiritual dimension of human existence in which we find help and hope amid the secular realities which make insistent claims upon our time and effort. Having retreated from those pressures for this time of renewed fellowship with friends, we pray that you will grace our gathering with your presence. In this anniversary month of Rotary's founding we give thanks for Paul Harris and others who established the organization in which we are privileged to be. Help us to be faithful to our heritage by being responsive to the needs of others. Accept now our thanks for all earthly provisions for our needs, and for spiritual resources to pursue opportunities to serve others. Amen.

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