



# The Spoke

## “Rotary Has Heart”

*Our Initiative Culminates With A Presentation In the Park*



This past Saturday morning **President Bobbi**, **President-elect Sandy** and Initiative Chair **Julie Pedretti** presented a ceremonial check and basket of food to Maribel Slabaugh, Executive Director of the Bonita Assistance Office. The presentation, made at the “Burn Calories...Feed A Family” community event was the culmination of our Club’s “Rotary Has Heart” initiative which resulted in the collection of over 600 pounds of food and service items and a contribution from our Club Foundation. Thanks to everyone who supported this important and critical initiative.

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## LASTWEEK'S MEETING

**President Bobbi** presided and delivered the invocation; **Ron Anderson** led the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Sue Masters** the 4 Way Test. **Ron Anderson** directed a rousing version of "Let Me Call You Sweetheart."

### Awards of Excellence



**Steven Slachta** welcomed and introduced us to this month's Estero High School Award of Excellence winners. Congratulations to Marjorie Hanlon (Faculty), Bruce Buchla (Staff) and students Sierra Velazquez (Academic) and Carina Nunez (Service) for your outstanding achievements and contributions.



**Hank Hochstetler** introduced us to **Carol Johnson**, our newest member. Carol is a realtor and we were pleased to witness **President Bobbi** conduct her initiation ceremony. Welcome to our Club Carol.

**Wendy Arsenault** reported on the 4th annual "Bark in Riverside Park" Sunday February 23, 11:00 am-3pm. Enjoy a day of fun, food and music with your dog. All proceeds will benefit Golden Retriever Rescue of Southwest Florida. Don't forget to bring a pet food donation.

### ["bos2kw.com"](http://bos2kw.com)

**Jon McLeod** offered us an update on training and preparation for his upcoming journey from Boston to Key West. If you haven't already done so, check out Jon's website. Its motto "to help change the world one heart at a time" underscores the goodness of not only Jon's endeavor but the purpose for which he trains and rides. Thank you Jon. We are extraordinarily proud and appreciative of what you are doing.

### Congratulations Tom

We were pleased to learn that **Tom Briers** has been named a Five Star CPA for 2014. Tom was only one of seven CPAs in Southwest Florida to receive this recognition which will be announced in the March issue of Gulfshore Life. Congratulations Tom on receiving this well-deserved award.



### The First Four Rotarians



This coming Sunday, February 23, will mark the 108th anniversary of what many consider the first Rotary meeting as Paul Harris, Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele and Hiram Shorey met in Loehr's office fulfilling Harris' dream of creating camaraderie among business associates. Harris' dream grew into a service organization international in scope. Happy Birthday Rotarians.



# “It’s A Wonderful Life”

*Thanks For A Magical And Memorable Evening*



**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-**\$2,105**

Last week an exuberant Carol Johnson drew the Ace of Hearts to win **\$100.00**.

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



### ***It's A Birthday Celebration!***

**Frank Liles, February 22**

**Sue Masters, February 22**

**Steve McIntosh, February 25**

**Jack Powers, February 25**



### **Our Upcoming Speakers**

**This Morning  
U.S. Navy Lieutenant  
Jovanni "Joe" Conway**

### ***"Rotary Sings"***

#### ***"America The Beautiful"***

O beautiful for spacious  
skies,  
For amber  
waves of  
grain,  
For purple  
mountain  
majesties  
Above the fruited plain!  
America! America!  
God shed his grace on  
thee  
And crown thy good with  
brotherhood  
From sea to shining sea!



**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?

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### **This Morning's Invocation**

O God, we pray not only for ourselves today, but for all who are in need of Your gracious attention. Comfort the sorrowing, give relief to the anxious, strength to the weary, and direction to the wandering. Give moral strength and courage to young people faced with alluring temptations. Grant wisdom to their counselors and parents in order that the youth of our communities might have a deeply-entrenched inner strength, from which comes good character and esteem. Make effective the efforts of Rotarians around the world who work with youth.

Bless our own efforts in the service of others, and bless for our use the food and fellowship we enjoy. Use us as willing instruments of Your will. Amen.