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THE ROTARY CLUB OF Bonita Springs The Spoke

Love of Bonita

Ray Faubion becomes fifth Club member to win coveted award



Congratulations to **Ray Faubion** on being named the 2013 Love of Bonita Award recipient. The award celebrates and honors a Bonita Springs resident who exemplifies the goal of helping build a stronger community. Ray will officially honored at a dinner tomorrow evening at the Hyatt.

Award recipients "actively encourage and perform community service to help improve the quality of life" and we have had the great privilege of observing Ray advance those goals as he has held numerous leadership positions within our Club.

It has been said leaders "passionately express their vision." Ray exemplifies this trait--it is an honor to congratulate him on this richly deserved award.

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LASTWEEK'S MEETING

President Stephanie presided. **Hank Hochstetler** led he invocation; **John Warfield** the 4 Way Test; and **Harv Humphrey** the Pledge of Allegiance. **Ron Anderson** led a spirited version of "So Happy Together."

Habitat Workday A Success



Ron Anderson briefed us on our Habitat for Humanity initiative. Habitat is currently in the process of building six new homes in Rosemary Park and our Rotary team worked on four of them, earning the praise of the Habitat superintendent

for a job well done. Our next Habitat workday is scheduled for the Fall.



Bob Lombardo reminded

us that our annual Gift of Life Mini Golf Tournament will take place at Congo River March 20. Tickets for this



Tickets for this event (which have no expiration date) are currently available for purchase. (Those who have already secured their tickets can pick them up after today's meeting.) Please plan on attending this important fundraiser in support of Gift of Life. Flag and hole sponsor sheet up sheets continue to be

available. Bob tells us that only a few such sponsorship opportunities remain.

Dick Fredrickson offered a Shots for Tots report. Thanks to **Clara Anne Graham** for

> coordinating activities which offered service to twelve families.

Brian Olitsky briefed us on Hector Manley's participation in the Tough Mudder (described by its website as "probably the toughest event on the planet"). Hector was joined by **Brian, Don Manley** and **Jason Dolle. Brian** reported that Hector conquered every obstacle on the 10 mile course. Congratulations and thanks for participating in this event which has raised nationally more than 5 million dollars for the Wounded Warrior project.

> Our Speaker Dr. Allen Weiss



Last week we welcomed Dr. Allen Weiss back to our Rotary podium. President and CEO of the NCH

Healthcare System and a solo practitioner for 23 years specializing in rheumatology, geriatrics and internal medicine, Dr. Weiss offered an intriguing update on health care and changes in the delivery of a variety of diagnostic services. The existence of a global economic environment is changing the ways in which providers manage cost and provide patient care. While we spend almost twice as much on healthcare our outcomes are not comparable to those in other countries. Dr. Weiss offered insight into how those challenges might be addressed. Thanks for a very helpful presentation.



The 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 <u>www.bonitaspringsrotary.org</u>. and <u>www.facebook.com/myrotary</u>. **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 <u>riverchip12-spoke@yahoo.com</u>.

ATrue "Miracle In Service"



Guatemala a reality. But it is more than that--it is a testimony to service, determination and collaboration.

Our role began almost three years ago as we participated in a \$118,000 matching grant for this project. Guatemalans responded with energy and enthusiasm, hand digging a football field sized water reservoir and then 12 miles of trenches to bring the water to each home.

The result was and is running water impacting nearly 3000 families and places such as La Pedrera school (shown right) one of the villages served by the water system.

Thanks to **Sandy Scoggins** for this story and her work in making projects such as these a reality.

Rotarians serve communities, each with unique needs and concerns--locally and around the world, through our organizational priorities known as "areas of focus," --one of which is water and sanitation.

Our Club enjoys a proud tradition of service in this area and the dedication plaque, pictured left, offers thanks to our Club and others for providing the assistance necessary to make a Village Water system for El Platanar in



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