



The Spoke

“The Art of Bonita”

“We learn of the regional resource that is the Center for the Arts”



The Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs, according to its Annual Report, “is committed to enrich the culture of our diverse community by providing opportunities for artistic expressions, education and appreciation in a supportive and nurturing environment.” Last week, Susan Bridges, the Center’s President joined by Cesare Morisco, Community Education Director and **Tom Briers**, the Center’s Chairman of the Board, visited to share the Center’s mission and vision. Its President since 1999, Susan has helped develop a tradition of excellence at the Center. Its three National Art Festivals are ranked among the top 20 in the Nation; its 10 acre Center for the Visual Arts features art exhibitions and classes in painting, drawing and sculpture; and its new 4 acre Center for Performing Arts features opportunities to enjoy music, dance, film and theatre, performance, and classes. Thanks Susan and Cesare for a great presentation and providing insight into why the Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs is such a valued community resource.

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LASTWEEK'S MEETING

President Bobbi presided. **Larry Miller** delivered the invocation; **Tom Briers** led the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Richard Garner** the 4 Way Test. **Ron Anderson** led us in a delightful version of "Easter Parade."

A Paul Harris Moment

As we all know, the Paul Harris Fellowship is named for Paul Harris, who founded Rotary with three business associates in Chicago in 1905. The Fellowship was established in his honor in 1957 to express appreciation for contributions

to the humanitarian and educational programs of The Rotary Foundation. These programs include a wide array of projects that save and invigorate the lives of

people locally and throughout the world, enhancing and celebrating timeless virtues of friendship, trust, and hope. The deep respect and bond Rotarians have for their Founder, his vision, and the vision of their Foundation allow them to designate a Paul Harris Fellow award to persons whose lives and values demonstrate a shared purpose with the objective and mission that is Rotary. So it was fitting that **Hal Cooper**

introduced us to Sylvia Schraff and Dennis R. Hall, dedicated individuals whose community service has helped develop and sustain the Bonita Springs Community Band. Congratulations and thanks Sylvia and Dennis for allowing us to understand, once again, the meaning and majesty of "service above self."

Jon McLeod offered us a training update and in turn an opportunity to support his Gift of Life initiative. There are several

events over the coming weeks in which you can participate to offer Jon assistance. Additionally there were "mile sponsorship" forms on the tables during last week's meeting. If you didn't have an opportunity to complete one, or

need additional information, please see Jon for all the details.

George Cohan briefed us on our upcoming Reverse Raffle which will take place on Saturday May 3 at St. John the Evangelist Church. As of last Wednesday there were 30 unsold tickets. If you need additional tickets please see George. And thanks George for once again overseeing this important event.



From Our Trustee Chair: “It’s Magazine Month”

Editor’s Note: Dong Kurjn (D.K.) Lee, Rotary’s 2013-2014 Trustee Chair, recently offered the following message:



“Celebrate Magazine Month.”

Today, with Rotary's club membership spanning more than 200 countries and geographical

areas, its publications are more vital than ever. The RI Board of Directors has designated April of every year as Magazine Month, and it is a time to recognize the role that our Rotary publications play in our Rotary lives – and the role that we should play in our publications.

The Rotarian, which is edited here at RI headquarters in Evanston, Ill., USA, has a circulation of about 500,000. Around the world, 31 more magazines are published in more than 20 languages. In total, these 32

magazines reach more than 1.2 million people.

To make this happen, it takes more than just an editorial staff – it also takes the good work of Rotarians. I always feel that the best part of reading any Rotary publication is the opportunity to find out what other clubs are doing. Each issue, each article, is a chance to be informed and inspired.

In an era when electronic communication seems to be everywhere, the role of paper magazines is still important to our organization, but we must be open to new formats to get the word out.

That's why, this April, I encourage you all to explore The Rotarian magazine's new digital experience: TheRotarianMagazine.com. Email the stories to friends and family. Share them on Facebook and Twitter. This is a chance to take the great ideas and great work of Rotarians even further and to inspire future generations to do the same.”



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 riverchip12-spoke@yahoo.com



"The Fifty-Fifty" **This Week's Big Prize- \$2,858.50**

**Last week a delighted Andy Frech (rr) drew the
Four 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!

***Geri Spaeth, April 24
Adam Botana, April 27***



Our Upcoming Speakers

**This Morning,
Jason Lauritsen, Sanctuary
Director
Corkscrew Swamp
Sanctuary**

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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"Rotary Sings"

"Over the Rainbow"

Somewhere over the rainbow
Way up high there's a land I heard
of once in a lullaby
Somewhere over the rainbow
Skies are blue
And the dreams that you dare to
dream

Really do come true
Someday I'll wish upon a star
And wake up where the clouds are
far behind me



Where
troubles melt
like lemon
drops
Away above
the chimney
tops

That's where you'll find me
Somewhere over the rainbow
Bluebirds fly
Birds fly over the rainbow
Why then oh why can't I?

This Morning's Invocation

O God, we gather once again as men and women committed to the values espoused by Rotarians everywhere, values and virtues desperately needing to be infused in our culture. We believe the qualities which characterize Rotarianism at its best have their origin in Your will and purpose. We pray, therefore, for divine assistance as we seek to so integrate them into our social, business and professional structures, that they become the accepted basis for behavior.

Bless now the food provided for our use and enjoyment, and use the congeniality of our fellowship as a winsome witness to the quality of our togetherness.

Accept our gratitude for all gifts and challenges which come from Your hand. Amen.