



The Spoke

On Being Rotarian

Passion and Engagement Make The Difference



RI reports that Rotarians in Côte d'Ivoire took part in National Immunization Days (NIDs). They joined thousands of health workers and volunteers in mobilizing public support, ensuring the safe delivery of the oral polio vaccine, and administering the life-saving drops to more than 3 million children. The nation's last case of polio occurred in July 2011. The NIDs also provided vitamin A supplements and de-worming tablets to children to expand public health benefits, which is another objective of the new polio endgame strategic plan.

Whether it is Côte d'Ivoire or Bonita Springs, Rotarians worldwide have a special bond with each other—living out the goal of service above self in all we do and in our own unique way.

What we do is “serve.” And how we serve depends on our dreams, our passions, and our communities. That's why last week's meeting, our Club Assembly, was so important. It was a time to take stock, plan, dream and create our own continuing commitment to all that is Rotary.

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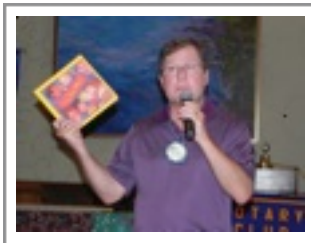
LASTWEEK'S MEETING

President Stephanie presided. **Jim O'Leary** led the invocation; Gary Price the Pledge of Allegiance and Mary Shallies, President of Noon Club, the 4 Way Test. **Ron Anderson** conducted and led "Vive Le Rotary."

Mark McCaw briefed us on the start of our Summer Golf Tour which continues this Saturday at Shadow Wood Preserve. If you haven't already done so, email Mark to get on his golf mailing list.

Jason Dolle reported on a successful Bags on the Beach event and **Brian Olitsky** reminded us that our Rotary 5K Run will once again take place July 4. If you are interested in serving on the Committee, please see Brian.

President Stephanie then convened our Club into **Assembly**. We first considered an amendment to our By-Laws which clarified circumstances regarding the grant of a Leave of Absence. The amendment passed unanimously.



Steve McIntosh offered a report summarizing the Club's support of public education. He highlighted the fact that our Interact Club has provided 15 years of community service;

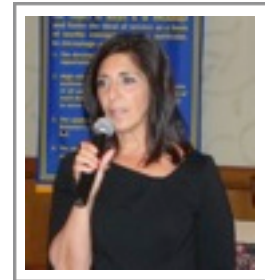
we've offered a coordinated scholarship program and supported various literacy programs within the school system.

President Stephanie updated us on the Rotary Community Garden of Bonita Springs which is being developed in partnership with the YMCA. The garden will strive to provide "a gardening nexus for community residents and their families, regardless of income," and to provide "a positive,



supportive, and nurturing environment. " It is contemplated that members will pay a small yearly fee as they maintain their individual garden beds. The YMCA will be providing the space, water, and electricity. The garden will consist of twelve garden plots with two plot reserved for children.

Sandy Scoggins briefed us on the Paul Harris Fellow program and other aspects of Rotarian giving. She began her remarks with an overview of the Paul Harris Society. Named after the founder of Rotary, the society recognizes individuals who annually contribute \$1,000 or more to the Annual Programs Fund, PolioPlus, World Fund and other approved Foundation grant activities. Our Club supports the Paul Harris program by "matching" your \$500 contribution making it easier to attain Paul Harris status. Sandy also reviewed the sustaining membership process.



Bobbi Bird concluded the Assembly by reviewing the Club's committee system. Before so doing she reminded us about our Club Celebration which will take place June 7 and reflected on the theme for the new Rotary year, "Engage Rotary Change Lives." **Bobbi**, who takes over as our President in July, offered us all an invitation to participate and become "engaged" through our Club's committee system. She challenged us to consider how we wanted to make our Club experience most meaningful—a powerful conclusion to a great and productive Club Assembly.



Celebrating In Style... Birthdays have become quite the event at our meetings as we sing and toast the morning away. Congratulations Mark, Adam, and Gerry!



This Week In Rotary

I Like Me

This past week our Club visited the Charter School to deliver “I Like Me” books to the kindergarten class. “I Like Me” is our Club sponsored literacy program, the books being personalized with each child’s name in the story. Thanks to **Steve McIntosh** for arranging this special event and **Howard Lemus, Jasmin Mann, President Stephanie, Jim Dati, Peter O’Flinn, Carl Schwing and Bobbi Bird** for creating a morning of memories.



New for Rotary...”Eco Clubs”

RI reports that Taylor Newton’s cell phone rings to the tune of “Bad to the Bone.” He



attends Rotary club meetings in tattered overalls. He counts former drug addicts and prisoners among his friends. And he calls himself a “guerrilla gardener.”

Newton may be unconventional, but he fits in well at the Rotary Club of Morro Bay Eco, California, USA, which focuses on the environment and the community. “I’m a real believer that you need to teach young

people to see the truth about the earth,” says Newton, 35, who is serving as club president this year.

Eco clubs are a new phenomenon in Rotary. Though “eco” is not an official designation, Rotary allows clubs that plan to have an environmental focus to include the word in their name.



Rotary Club of Bonita Springs, chartered November 3, 1978, meets every Tuesday at Pelican’s Nest 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--\$2486.

Visiting Rotarian Carl Nickel couldn't hide his delight and enthusiasm as he won \$5.00 last week.

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

"Rotary Sings"

"On Top of Old Smokey"



On top of Old Smokey
All covered with snow,
I lost my true lover
For courting too slow.

Now, courting is a
pleasure
And parting is grief,
And a false-hearted
lover

Is worse than a thief.

On top of Old Smokey
All covered with snow,
I lost my true lover
For courting too slow.



**It's A Birthday
Celebration!**

- Chris Riesen, May 12**
- Martha Erickson, May 13**
- Guy Quinn, May 13**

**Our
Upcoming
Speakers**



**This
Morning,**
Teresa
LeSage,

Sustainability Programs
Manager, Lee County
Administration

May 14, FGCU Rotaract
Costa Rica Trip

May 21, Kathie Ebaugh,
Lee County Planning
Agency, Amendments to
Comprehensive Plan

May 28, Mike Liggins,
Bonita Springs Utilities

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
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