



The Spoke

“A Historic Collaboration”

“Rotary and Peace Corps to Promote Global Development”



RI reports that “in an effort to promote global development and volunteer service, Rotary and Peace Corps have agreed to participate in a one-year pilot program in the Philippines, Thailand, and Togo. Under the agreement, Rotary clubs and Peace Corps volunteers are encouraged to share their resources and knowledge to boost the impact of development projects in these three countries. Opportunities for collaboration include supporting community projects, training, networking, and community education. Through the Peace Corps Partnership Program, Rotary clubs can continue to provide small grants to support volunteers and their communities. Peace Corps Acting Director Carrie Hessler-Radelet and Rotary International General Secretary John Hewko signed the letter of collaboration on Monday, 5 May, at Rotary’s headquarters during a ceremony that was attended by RI President Ron Burton and RPCV Rotary staff. In his remarks to the audience, Burton applauded the collaboration and both organizations’ commitments to service.

“Today’s announcement is particularly meaningful for me because I come from a family of Rotarians,” said Hessler-Radelet, referring to her father, grandfather, and aunt. **“We are eager to join together in common efforts to inspire volunteerism across the country and around the world.”** Hewko noted how both organizations are committed to improving lives and building stronger communities by addressing the root causes of violence and conflict, such as poverty, illiteracy, disease, and lack of access to clean water and sanitation.

The two organizations also agreed to explore expanding the collaboration to more countries based on the results of the pilot. Rotary will enlist the support of its members in recruiting Peace Corps volunteers and involving returned Peace Corps volunteers in service projects at home.”

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LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President Bobbi presided. **Kae Moore** delivered the invocation; our speaker **Scott Flaig** led the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Kanema Clark** the 4 Way Test. **Ron Anderson** conducted a spirited version of "God Bless America."

On Friendship and Generosity

President Bobbi began the meeting by inviting **Jim Horein** to the podium. What followed was an exquisite example of kindness and generosity. Jim explained that he and **Andy Frech (rr)** have organized the "Horein-Frech" group

(pictured left with **President Bobbi** and **Jon**), eleven individuals who have consistently supported our Club's community and fundraising activities, including our Reverse Raffle. Last Saturday night that



generosity was rewarded as the "Horein-Frech" group held the last ticket drawn at our Reverse Raffle. The group decided to donate \$2198 of those winnings to **Jon McLeod's** Gift of Life ride. Here is a quote from Jon's blog, describing his reaction to their act of generosity:

"This group has been supporting this event for years and have certainly contributed considerably more than they won. Thank you Jim for sharing our mission with your friends and be sure to remind them again how much we as a club appreciate their support!"

The Muse once observed, a very long time ago, that "We cannot live for ourselves alone." The actions of the eleven members of the "Horein-Frech" underscored the enduring truth and beauty of that statement. Thank you gentlemen.

Our Program

Last week **Kenny King** introduced us to **Scott Flaig**. Scott is a retired industry executive, having served in various leadership roles at Dell Computer, Iomega Corporation, and Ernst and Young. He is a graduate of



the University of Dubuque and is an alumnus of Harvard's Business School Executive Education summer program. He has served as adjunct professor at the Kellogg graduate School of Management at Northwestern University teaching a course "The Virtual Enterprise" which considered the new business paradigm for the twenty first century.

Scott's topic "Cosmology" considered the principles, dogma, and theories that govern the universe. Thanks for a great presentation Scott.

And Finally..."About Ideas"

If you haven't already done so, check out "Rotary Ideas" on the RI website. It's a "crowdsourcing platform" and helped 300 school children in the Philippines receive eye exams and new glasses. RI explains that "Rotary ideas helps clubs connect for funding, volunteers, partnerships and in-kind donations."

"Most crowdfunding tools are only about getting money," says Kristin Brown, service connections manager at Rotary International. "With Rotary Ideas, we're expanding that concept to provide a platform for matching clubs to donors, volunteers, and partnerships."



“Around The Club”

A Field Trip



A group of happy and inquisitive Rotarians recently visited Bonita Springs

Utilities. Thanks to **Julie Pedretti** for organizing the tour and to **Dave Shellenbarger** for snapping the picture

Member Spotlight

Kanema Clark stepped into the Member Spotlight and offered a very passionate, personal apologia and vision. She encouraged us not to “think about just who we are...but to think about who we are beyond that.” Kanema practices chiropractic medicine with her husband Drew in Arc of Life Family Spinal Care. She is an accomplished professional and author, holding degrees from the University of Miami and Florida Atlantic University. She completed her doctoral studies at Palmer College of Chiropractic, Florida. Welcome to our Club Kanema.



Shots for Tots

Clara Anne Graham offered a Shots for Tots report. In April 13 families were served and 27 shots administered and in May 11 families were served and 19 shots administered. Shots for Tots is one of our Club’s most enduring and signature community service initiatives. If you would like information on how to participate, please see Clara Anne.

Boston to Key West

In less than two weeks **Jon McLeod** will be in Boston ready to begin his most Rotarian of journeys in support of Gift of Life. (You can check out Jon’s anticipated daily “itinerary” right right now on bos2kw.com). The Key West Marriott is the “headquarters” hotel for those intending to welcome Jon as he concludes his journey which begins May 23 and ends at approximately 3 pm on June 7. And don’t forget about the “pre-ride” event in support of Jon’s noble initiative—May 17’s “Paella Party” where \$40 per person entitles you to dinner catered by “Paul’s Paella” (whose website interestingly suggests “Paella isn’t just a dish, it’s an experience”) and open bar.



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-~~3~~263

Last week a delighted Scott Anderson drew the Queen of Clubs 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" "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.

A thief will just rob you
And take what you have,
But a false-hearted lover
Will lead you to the grave.

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It's A Birthday Celebration!

Buddy Cliff, May 14



Our Upcoming Speakers

**This Morning,
Jim Mayer, Flotilla
Commander, US Coast
Guard Auxiliary**

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

Good and Gracious God, it is humbling for us to realize that you have made each of us the crown of creation, not just for privilege but to be stewards of Your created order.

But we have been called also to be stewards of moral, ethical and spiritual values. Give us a sense of urgency as we seek to make a meaningful difference in the lives of others.

Grant to us as responsible citizens and leaders, such strength of character, courage of conviction and compassionate concern, that our influence for good will be felt in every life we touch.

Bless now our food to strengthen our bodies, and our fellowship to enrich our relationships. Amen.

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