



The Spoke

“An Invitation to Service”

“New Rotaract Resource Center Initiative Unveiled”



“Developing professional and leadership skills; emphasizing respect for the rights of others; providing opportunities to address the needs and concerns of the community and the world” comprise key components of Rotaract’s Statement of Policy. Those policy perspectives make clear that Rotaract is the link that sustains and nurtures the Rotarian vision generation to generation.

Our Club has long understood the importance of that “link,” enthusiastically supporting Rotaract’s development at FGCU. So it was instructive and interesting to hear **Tom Burgess** and **Jack Powers** describe the new Rotaract Resource Center which is being unveiled this Fall. The Resource Center initiative was the result of discussion and evaluation aimed at the improving the organization’s previous mentoring efforts. Rotaractors were surveyed and asked to comment on whether they valued a mentoring program.

Survey results suggested that the need to replace the word and structure suggested by “mentor” with a “Resource Center” that would provide Rotaractors greater of flexibility and hence more value. If you have not already done so, please consider participating in this new program by completing the member survey. It’s important that we all become part of the “link.”

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LASTWEEK'S MEETING

President Sandy presided. **Steven Slachta** delivered the invocation; **Sara McCallum** led the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Ray Faubion** the 4 Way Test. **Ron Anderson** led us in a nostalgic version of "In the Good Old Summertime."

Bobbi Bird and **Sandy Hemstead**, all members of the Grant Committee celebrated the event with a check presentation from our Club Foundation to the Rotary Foundation in the amount of \$6,000. The grant is making possible the installation of a clean water system at a school in Thailand.



Congratulations Gerri

Immediate Past President Bobbi recognized the efforts of **Gerri Spaeth** for her efforts in making our Relay for Life

initiative such a huge success and presented **Gerri** with the Relay "Spirit Stick." Thank you Gerri for your generosity of time and talent.

Star Spangled 5K

Once again, this July 4th we hosted the "Star Spangled 5k" in support of Gift of Life. As usual, the day and the event was fun, festive, and meaningful. **Brian Olitsky** offered a report and special thanks go out to **Brian, Jason Dolle,** and **Bobbi Bird** for helping make this year's event especially successful. 200 runners competed. **Brian** thanked all who participated and supported the event in any way. Here are a few pictures commemorating one of our signature events.

Global Grant Presentation

President Sandy announced the submission of a global grant which has been authorized by the Rotary Foundation. The grant was collaborative in nature as individuals and Clubs worldwide helped with its funding. Our Club Foundation participated in the overall grant funding process and Club Foundation President **Nancy Ross,** Immediate Past and current Presidents



From RI: “A Time To Reflect”

“Ron Burton has made the world his office.

Over the past year, the Rotary International president has traveled more than half-a-million miles across 50 countries, to inspire and motivate Rotary's 1.2 million members. Although many encouraged him to use cheaper, virtual alternatives, he believes it takes face-to-face engagement.

"I was the first president to have a Google Hangout and have done Facebook chats," Burton says, reflecting on his term, which ends at midnight 30 June. "But I asked Rotarians this year to Engage Rotary, Change Lives, so I needed to live that as well, by sitting at kitchen tables talking to families, visiting community projects, speaking to clubs, and [meeting] with other leaders around the world to promote Rotary's good work."

Burton, Rotary's 105th president, calls the job one of "awesome and great responsibility."

"It's a great honor to follow in the footsteps of [Rotary's founder] Paul Harris," says Burton, a member of the Rotary Club of Norman, Oklahoma, in the U.S. "When I travel around the world, I'm able to meet Rotarians from every walk of life and every culture. And all of them have such a deep respect for the office." He adds that it's been important to remember that "this position isn't about me. It's about the job."

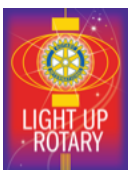
The job of Rotary president essentially begins election to the position a year before taking office. Presidents-elect set an agenda for the coming year, pick committee chairs, and work on the convention program. All of that, Burton says, is to set the stage for a successful term. And looking back on the past two years, he's reminded of an adage from back home.



"There's a saying in Oklahoma that where you go in life, whatever job you set out to do, you should always leave the woodpile a little higher than it was when you found it," he says. "With the tremendous support of Rotarians worldwide, I believe we accomplished that this year."

A big contribution to that woodpile is one of the things Burton is most proud. He asked each one of his 537 district governors to make a gift to The Rotary Foundation. No matter the size of the contribution or the fund, he wanted all of them to show support for the Foundation. And they did, becoming the first district governor class to make that commitment, raising more than \$700,000.

"What we're talking about here is a change of thinking, a change in culture," says Burton. "There needs to be the thought that this is our Foundation and the more we support it, the more lives we can change."



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 Pot Thickens"



Last week a delighted Bobbi Bird drew the Two of Diamonds to win \$5.00. The drama continues this morning.

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



It's A Birthday Celebration!

Rolando Rivera, July 17

Kenny King, July 18

Rex Sims, July 19

James Winemiller (RR) July

22



Our Upcoming Speakers

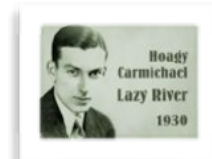
**This Morning,
District 6960 Governor
Pete Doragh**

"Rotary Sings"

Lazy River

Up a lazy river by the old mill stream

That lazy, hazy river where we both can dream Linger in the shade of an old



oak tree

Throw away your troubles, dream a dream with me

Up a lazy river where the robin's song Wakes up in the mornin', as we roll along Blue skies up aboveeveryone's in love Up a lazy river, how happy we will be, now Up a lazy river with me

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

Good and gracious God, as we gather here today, we are grateful that we can be lifted out of ourselves and our private concerns to share with others in a fellowship of like-minded people. May the good-spirited banter between us, the fun of being together, and the awareness of a camaraderie in a common cause, enrich our lives.

Jolt us from lethargy about the world and our own community by a vivid awareness of the needs we can help to meet. We seek no glory for ourselves, only the good of the community and world we are privileged to serve.

We thank you for the physical food, and and social fellowship enjoyed here today. May some good ensue from this experience for ourselves and others. Amen.