



The Spoke

“Mending Broken Hearts”

RI Offers Testimony to Rotarian Vision and Commitment



The way Olena Ichnatenko tells it, her daughter has two fathers – her birth father and the doctor who gave her a second chance at life at the Ukrainian Children’s Cardiac Center.

She was 10 days old when doctors operated to correct a congenital defect. Ichnatenko remembers the early days after her daughter was born in a different hospital: “We were told there that our child was dying and that is it.” Only after she took Yaroslava to the cardiac center did she feel a bit of hope for her daughter’s life.

Dr. Illya Yemets, a charter member of the Rotary Club of Kyiv, founded the center in 2003, but its beginnings trace back to the 1990s, starting with a visit from Australian Rotarians led by Past District Governor Jack Olsson.

When Yemets returned to Kyiv, he established the first neonatal cardiac surgery department in Ukraine. In 1992, he performed

Ukraine’s first successful neonatal open heart surgery, on a 21-day-old baby. The Kyiv club was chartered that same year and took on Yemets’ cause as its first service project.

The Kyiv club continues its close partnership with the center, providing equipment and donations. The club also sponsors opportunities for the specialists to receive further medical training.

Proof of that success is on display at the annual Chestnut Run in May. Former patients, their families, medical staff, and the community participate in a race that promotes the center and helps provide funding for supplies and equipment. In 2012, more than 300 former patients took part, along with 7,000 others.

Ichnatenko runs the race with her daughter every year. “Whenever we participate, we recall our doctors, our clinic, the staff who were always attentive to us,” she says.

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LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President-elect Sandy presided. **Bob Lorenz** delivered the invocation; **Rex Sims** the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Brian Olitsky** along with visiting Rotarian Greg Blurton the 4 Way Test. **Jon McLeod** led a rousing version of "Sing Rotarians."

President-elect Sandy reminded us first, that our Rotary Social will take place at the Berube residence, Friday August 23rd at 5:00 p.m. and second, District Governor Milligan will be visiting us this morning August 20th.

The Tour Continues...Mark McCaw briefed us on our Summer "Golf Tour" and made special mention of the Golf Tournament Challenge hosted by the Estero Club



September 28th. Make plans now to participate in this golf scramble for charity. Thanks to Mark and his committee for organizing these weekly summer golf opportunities. They're fun, relaxing and your entree to enjoying some great local courses. So watch your emails, sign-up, and see you on the tee.

Shots for Tots

Clara Anne Graham offered a Shots for Tots report. Sixty-one families were served as 125 shots were administered. Thanks go out to **Clara, Bill Banfield** and **Ira Hawk** for their participation at last week's session. "Shots for Tots" is one of our Club's oldest and most revered service initiatives. Please see Clara if you would like to help.

A New Service Project "Blossoms"--Our Community Garden

As **Stephanie Kissinger** has previously reported, the groundbreaking for "The Rotary Community Garden of Bonita Springs" will take place Saturday, September 7th at 10:00 a.m. at the YMCA. At that time a drawing assigning garden plots will take place.

The garden will be built Saturday and Sunday September 14 and 15 under the supervision of **Dale Timple**. Make plans now to attend and support this historic event.

There are several ways you can get involved. First, volunteers are needed to help "build" the garden. All supplies and tools will be provided. Second, sponsorship opportunities are available--from pavers on up you can be an integral part of Rotary history.

Please see Stephanie for more information.

Grow Your Own Groceries!

AT THE ROTARY COMMUNITY GARDEN OF BONITA SPRINGS



Located at the YMCA of Bonita Springs, 27200 Kent Road

Only 13 garden beds available!

Applications available at:
 The YMCA of Bonita Springs,
 Bonita Springs Assistance Office,
 Rotary Community Garden of
 Bonita Springs Facebook Page
 or via email to:
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 For more info call (239) 331-1432

We supply fenced garden space, soil, seeds, water, even tools!
 You plant, weed & watch & your food grow!
 Educational classes offered throughout the year.

\$50/year
 Application deadline is 9/7/13.
 Garden plots will be determined from a random drawing of approved applicants & announced Sept 7th at 10 am at the YMCA. Applicant must be a Bonita Springs resident. Copy of recent utility bill will be required



From RI: Ravindran 2015 Choice for President

K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran, a member of the Rotary Club of Colombo, Western Province, Sri Lanka, has been selected by the Nominating Committee for President of RI in 2015-16. Ravindran will become the president-nominee on 1 October if there are no challenging candidates.

Ravindran said his top priority for Rotary will be to increase membership, which he called the bedrock of any organization.

"The emphasis on membership has to continue with focus on the younger generation," Ravindran said. "Additionally, we must seek to attract the just retired and experienced people into Rotary."

Creating regional membership plans and realizing that "one size does not fit all" has been a



move in the right direction, he said.

Ravindran said it's important for Rotarians to share their stories, especially through social media, so others can see the impact Rotary has had in their lives. He said it's also important for the organization to speak with a consistent voice.

A Rotarian since 1974, Ravindran has served Rotary as a director and treasurer of RI and as a trustee of The Rotary Foundation. He has also served as an International Assembly group discussion leader, district governor, Council on Legislation representative, and zone institute chair. He chaired the Schools Reawakening project, sponsored by Rotary clubs and districts in Sri Lanka, which rebuilt 25 tsunami-devastated schools, benefiting 15,000 children.

Ravindran has been awarded The Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Award and the Service Award for a Polio-Free World.

He and his wife, Vanathy, have two children, and are level 4 Major Donors to the

Last Week's Program

Last week we heard from Ken Kavanagh, Director of Athletics at Florida Gulf Coast University. The second full-time athletic director in school history, Ken assumed his duties in June 2009 and has completed one of the most successful transitions to Division I in NCAA history. For example, in 2011-12, FGCU was the only Division I school in the nation to win both its regular season and tournament title in both men's and women's soccer and one



of just 15 schools to have both its men's and women's basketball program advance to its respective conference tournament championship game. A lively question and answer session offered additional insight into the challenges, accomplishments and aspirations of FGCU's Athletic program. Thanks Ken for an informative program. Visit us again soon--and Go Eagles!



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

A delighted Ken King drew the Six of Hearts to win \$500.

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

"Rotary Sings" "School Days"

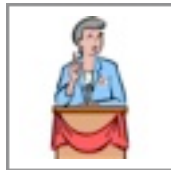
School days, school days
Dear old golden rule
days
Readin' and 'ritin' and
'rithmetic
Taught to the tune of the
hickory stick
You were my queen in
calico
I was your bashful
barefoot beau
And you wrote on my
slate
"I love you, so"
When we were a couple
of kids.



*It's A Birthday
Celebration!*

None to Report

Our Upcoming Speakers This Morning,



District 6960
Governor,
Timothy P.
Milligan

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

O God, in a society so enamored of things and pleasures, help us to remember that ancient truth that "man does not live by bread alone." We are grateful for material things but help us to see and use them in the larger context of that which is moral, ethical, and spiritual.

Guide and strengthen us in personal and corporate pursuit of activities from which others will benefit. As we have been served in various ways, motivate us to serve others.

We express gratitude for the blessings of food and fellowship by which we are enriched.

Your finances. Your future. *Our focus.*

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