



The Spoke

A Time to Grow

A "Community" Builds Its Garden



Last weekend we joined our friends from the Noon Club, Interact, Rotaract and numerous volunteers in building our Community Garden. Thanks to all who participated and a special acknowledgement to **Dale Timple** whose expertise, organization, and leadership is making our Garden a reality.

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LAST WEEK'S MEETING

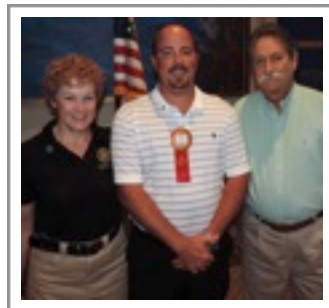
President Bobbi presided. **Chris Riesen** delivered the invocation; Sandra "Sam" Black from the Estero Club the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Jim Horein** the 4 Way Test. **President Bobbi** in honor and observance of Patriots Day led us in singing "America The Beautiful."



An Update From Bronis...Ray and Jeanne Faubion have been corresponding with our past Club exchange students and were kind

enough to forward along this photo taken at what Bronis describes as "a typical country party." Bronis reports that he has been preparing to take the entry exam to the Federal University of Panama. He has also been working as an English teacher. He has great memories of his time in Florida and sends a "big hug" to all Rotarians. Great to hear from you Bronis. Stay in touch.

President Bobbi invited **Morgan Eldridge** along with his sponsor **John Mathes** to our Club podium. John offered a nice new member introduction of Morgan. Thanks and welcome Morgan!



Roger Brunswick advised that this year's Dictionary Day distribution is scheduled for October 4. If your schedule permits, please consider signing up. It is a great and inspiring way to spend a part of your morning.

A few weeks ago, our District Governor introduced us to the "Blue Bucket" program. The program's idea is that of depositing spare change (or bills) into the Bucket each meeting to support Alzheimer's Research. **Sara McCallum** has generously volunteered to oversee this program. She spoke movingly about the need and importance of this program. So look for the Blue Bucket each week and thank you Sara for your initiative and your leadership.



We were happy to welcome Sandra "Sam" Black from the Estero Club. Sam enthusiastically briefed us on "Taste of Bonita" which will take place November 17 and a one year Boat Club Membership courtesy of **Brian Botana** and Bay Water Boat Club and Rentals. If you would like raffle tickets for the boat club membership email Sam at sam@samblack.com.

Last Week's Program

Last week we heard from William Glass, President of Catalyst Energy Collaborative, LLC. He offered a very comprehensive presentation on protocols and strategies that can and should be implemented to garner energy conservation, reduce energy overhead, and maximize renewable energy potential. Thanks Bill for a great and informative presentation.



Rotaract Scholarship Winners Announced

Our Club has taken on a leadership role in organizing, developing, and nurturing the Rotaract program at FGCU. As a tangible means of supporting academic excellence and professional development, we support a Rotaract Scholarship. Funded through our Club's Foundation, it is available to any current FGCU student in good standing who is a member of the Rotaract Club. The award is currently \$1,000 per student and historically annual scholarship grants have ranged from \$2,000-\$6,000.



community service record, cumulative GPA and future goals and aspirations.

Winners are announced at the end of the Spring Semester with the actual awards given at the beginning of the ensuing Fall term. This Fall there are four winners, (pictured left with **Tom Burgess**) Jin Fan Li (Accounting) senior; Andie Aguirre (Nursing) sophomore; Robert Guido (Biology) sophomore; and Jazmin Williams (Social Work) senior.

In making its scholarship selections, the Committee looks to an applicant's leadership,

Congratulations to this year's scholarship winners and thanks to our Rotaract Committee and Club Foundation for supporting this important initiative.

In Support of Rotary's Camp Florida

As we all know, Rotary's Camp Florida was founded to operate and maintain a year-round camp facility for children with special medical needs. Our own **Susan Schmitt** has been particularly active in supporting RCF's activities. RCF is a special place since in addition to children with cancer, the Camp hosts groups supporting children with Diabetes, Muscular Dystrophy, MS and other diseases. Its facilities are also made available to special needs adult groups providing support for breast cancer survivors. In support of its good and noble mission, **President Bobbi** announced that our Club is the first Club in District 6960 to present Camp Florida with a \$1,000 donation to assist the Camp with its general operating expenses.



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-~~\$~~834.50**

A joyous Morgan Eldridge drew the Eight 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"
"The Yellow Rose of Texas"**

There's a yellow rose in Texas that I am gonna see
Nobody else could miss her
not half as much as me
She cried so when I left her
it was like it broke her heart
And if I ever find her we
never more will part

She's the sweetest little rose
bud that Texas ever knew
Her eyes are bright as
diamonds they sparkle like
the dew
You may talk about your
Clementine and sing of Rosa
Lee
But the yellow rose of Texas
is the only girl for me.



**It's A Birthday
Celebration!**

**Chris Cole, Sept 21
Ed Houck, Sept 21
Fred Partin, Sept 24**

**Our
Upcoming
Speakers
This Morning,**



Major Kathy
Rairden, Lee
County
Sheriff's
Department

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

Eternal God, we acknowledge your gift of yet another day of life in which we can receive and implement your blessings. Having entered the month of September with its Rotary designation as New Generations Month, we give thanks for the hundred of teenagers and young adults involved in Interact and Rotaract throughout the world, and for all youngsters involved in children's programs of various kinds. We pray for their leaders and teachers who share their wisdom and experience.

Indwell our presence now as we share food and fellowship. Help us to be always mindful of the Divine Source of all our blessings. Amen.

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