



The Spoke

“It’s Our Turn”

“Let’s Support and Celebrate The World’s Greatest Meal”



Sara McCallum, President Sandy and Bobbi Bird were among the first to deposit their checks into our special World’s Greatest Meal drawing barrel. Join them not only for a chance to win a Paul Harris designation (or an oil painting by George Lewis, “The Water Man”) but participate in our World’s Greatest Meal celebration which acknowledges the accomplishments of Polio Plus and raises funds for the “end game.” A joint project of the Rotary Club of Cairns Sunrise in Australia and the Rotary Club of Hounslow England the World’s Greatest Meal seeks to end polio around food, fun, and fundraising. By the time we hold our Wednesday celebration, wgmeal.com reports 23,700 will have participated in 675 “Greatest Meals” in 51 countries. \$341,084.45 will have been raised for a total of \$1,023,253.35 with matching funds from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, providing enough funds to buy more than 1,600,000 polio vaccinations. Come ready to participate and celebrate this most Rotarian of journeys and initiatives.

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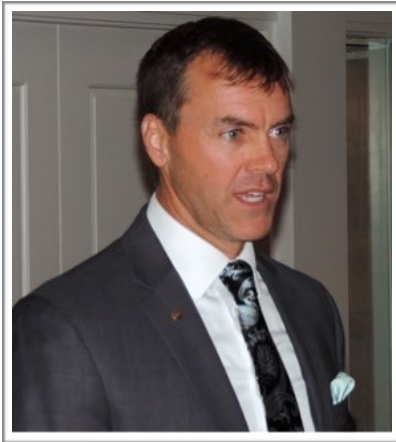
Stephanie Kissinger, President; Nancy Ross, Secretary; Richard Garner, Treasurer; Guy Quinn, Ray Faubion, Ed Houck, John Mathes, Trustees

LASTWEEK'S MEETING

President Sandy presided. **Bobbi Bird** delivered the invocation; **Ken King** led the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Jay Berube** the 4 Way Test. Musical Director **Ron Anderson** led us in a delightful version of "Shine On Harvest Moon."

Our Speaker

Last week we heard from our own **Scott Vail**. A Southwest Florida resident for the past 32 years (10 of which have been in Bonita Springs), Scott has owned several small business over the past 15 years. During that time he has served over



3000 satisfied customers and oversees a business today that is 100% referral generated. A self-described "customer service fanatic" Scott offered an interesting, common sense, and passionate presentation describing and supporting customer service. A valuable question and answer period followed underscoring why customer service should and must be at the foundation of both business approach and practice. Thanks Scott.

A Dictionary Day "Thank You"

Last week we were delighted to receive thank you notes from third graders who received dictionaries during our recent Dictionary Day distribution. It emphasized the value and importance of this Rotarian tradition. We also received a thank you note from one of the teachers inviting us to their class website <http://hipsan.com/jcohen48>. Click on "Rotary Gives Everyone Dictionaries" for photos and memories of that special day.

A Foundation Moment

Last week **President Sandy** recognized **Larry Miller (rr)** for his work and efforts in making a San Salvador Water and Sanitation Grant a reality. Through collaborative efforts of our Club, Larry's District 6460, and an international Rotary "family" potable water will be supplied to 23 schools. In addition, roofs and sanitation facilities will be rebuilt at 5 school locations, improving the lives of their students now and for years to come. Thanks Larry for your generosity and leadership.



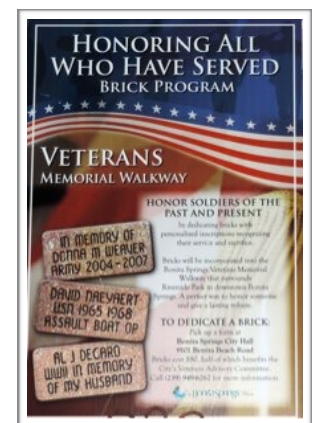
A Reminder

Tom Briers is leading a Nominating Committee to fill a vacancy on our Club Foundation Board. If you are interested in serving on the Foundation Board, please see Tom.

"Honoring All Who Have Served"

A Veterans Memorial Walkway is being constructed in Riverside Park. You are invited to dedicate a walkway brick in honor of a Veteran.

Bob Lombardo has all of the details of how to make that happen. Half of the proceeds from brick sales will benefit the Bonita Springs Veterans Advisory Committee.



Women of Rotary Help Change The World

Julia D. Phelps, RI Director, offered the following observations on her recent visit to the White House: “As I sat in the audience at the White House on 7 October, listening to 10 amazing Rotary women tell the stories of their volunteer efforts, two quotes kept running through my mind. First, “*Be the change you wish to be in the world*” (Mahatma Gandhi) and second, “*Never underestimate the power of a small group of people to change the world. In fact, it is the only way it ever has*” (Margaret Mead).

In fact, these 10 women took these two quotes, put them together and created projects, foundations, and fundraising efforts that changed their world and the world of others. It struck me that all of their efforts started with one woman who saw a need, a problem, and then went about addressing the situation. They didn't get permission, they didn't write a business plan; they just got busy. They were brave and courageous as they stepped out to make a difference. And as their idea grew into reality, they realized that they couldn't do it alone. That's where their Rotary club members, their networks, and our Rotary Foundation, came into play.

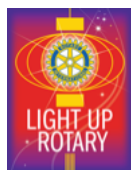
And then I realized that I was sitting in Washington D.C. because I was fortunate

enough to have a family who encouraged and valued education and all it could provide to me. I also had *women of action* who took me under their wings, women who gave me opportunities, who challenged me, who picked me up when I fell, who took me aside and shared their observation and perspectives. If it were not for these educators: Virginia Heidbreder, Patti Howe, and Valjeane Olean, I would not be sitting here, beaming with pride, overwhelmed with emotion.



With each story of their efforts I thought about the lives that these women have touched, the lives they have literally saved. I thought about the little

girls that someday will say, “*there was this woman that came to my school and read to me and now I can read*” or the little girl that will think about the woman that helped build her a school and now she has educational and vocational options. I thought about the adolescent girls that will someday say, “*when I grow up, I want to be like her.*” We all want to make a difference and I know there are thousands more women in Rotary that are doing just that. Women that are living our motto Service Above Self every day; women that are Lighting up Rotary.”



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—\$1614.50

Last week, in unprecedented fashion, no one claimed the winning ticket. Don't be deterred—keep playing as the "fifty-fifty" helps keep our Club strong and ready to serve.

"Rotary Sings" *The Whole World in His Hands*



He's got the whole world in His hands
he's got the whole wild world in His hands
He's got the whole wild world in His hands
he's got the whole world in His hands

He's got the little bitty baby in His hands
he's got the little bitty baby in His hands
He's got the little bitty baby in His hands
he's got the whole world in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands...
He's got you and me brother in His hands
he's got you and me sister in His hands
He's got you and me brother in His hands
he's got the whole world in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands...



It's A Birthday Celebration!

*Clara Anne Graham,
October 26*



This Morning's Speaker

PDG Steve Schleuter
"Polio Eradication"

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, in the midst of the massive, contrasting, colorful organization called Rotary, please honor the efforts of single individuals as well. No matter what our station may be, help us to be diligent and faithful wherever in Your Providence we find ourselves. Help us to be true to the values we espouse as Rotarians. Strengthen us as we persevere in efforts to reclaim the virtue which have been trampled by the rush of secularism in our society.

As we share our meal today—our "Greatest Meal"—we are reminded again of the blessings and provisions of our needs, which are ultimately traceable to Your Goodness.

Bless also the fellowship we enjoy and the good we seek to do through our club. Amen.

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