



# The Spoke

## “Dancing With A Star”

*Our Own Sandy Scoggins Continues To Make A Difference*



**Sandy Scoggins** recently participated in the “Stars for Literacy” dance competition which raised money for the Literacy Volunteers of Collier County. Pictured with her professional dance partner Johnny De Mar, Sandy wanted to make sure the Spoke thanked those who supported her; yet it is her Club, all of us, who should thank Sandy—for her compassion and commitment to all things Rotarian. Sandy, your fellow Club members will always be cheering you on—we very much appreciate all that you do.

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## LAST WEEK'S MEETING

**President Bobbi** presided. **Kae Moore** delivered the invocation; **Marjorie Rubacky** the Pledge of Allegiance; and Darrell Brown, President of the Noon Club, the 4 Way Test. **Ron Anderson** led a rousing version of "God Bless America."

As we all know, each and every Rotary Club creates their own banner which members exchange with other Clubs when travelling, creating a unique and special bond between Rotarians



worldwide. **Stephanie Kissinger** recently maintained this tradition on behalf of us all, exchanging our banner with the Key West Sunrise Club. Thanks Stephanie—and don't forget to take along one of our new banners when you travel. They are always available at the front desk.

## Relay For Life Kickoff

**President Bobbi** acknowledged those who attended the Relay for Life Kickoff last Tuesday evening. Special thanks also go out to **Donna Marcotte** and the Colony for supporting this most important community initiative. As the photo suggests, a good time was had by those who attended.



## Estero High School Awards of Excellence

**Jack Powers** introduced us to this month's Estero High School Award of Excellence winner's and appropriately thanked **Steven Slachta** for his work in maintaining this program which emphasizes our Club's continuing commitment to public education. Congratulations to Brendan Downing (Faculty); Gabrielle Klippel (Staff); Sean Reedy and Ryan Reedy (Academic); and Danny Andrade (Service). Congratulations to all.



## Club Assembly

We met in Assembly to discuss our year-end fundraising initiatives. Thanks to our Committee Chairs and to all who have or will be supporting the Poinsettia and Christmas Tree Sales and our upcoming theatrical production. Here are few things to place in the "To Do" section of your smart phone, tablet, or even yes, your Franklin Planner. First, sign up for your Christmas Tree sale shifts (at least three). (If you missed the sign-up sheet, watch for Sandy's e-mails.) Then block out February 11-13—the dates of our "It's A Wonderful Life" theatrical production. **Bob Lombardo** has complete information on the event and a range of ticket sale opportunities.

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## How “Rotary’s Power Transcends Words”

**Editor’s Note: Rotary publishes a Youth Exchange E Newsletter which features “Rotary Voices—Stories of Service from around the World.” This story, written and photographed by Leonor Fraser, of the Rotary Club of Soldotna, Alaska uniquely and elegantly underscores Rotary’s continuing power to effect change and improve people’s lives—worldwide.**

“Even the world’s mightiest rivers have humble beginnings.”

Earlier this year, I was part of a team of Rotary members from my district who visited a school in San Jeronimo, Masaya, Nicaragua, to play with the children and deliver shoes. But what we discovered very quickly is the children needed much more than shoes.

**Their school is located near a diesel-fuel plant that emits pollutants into the air. It only took a few minutes before members of our team could feel the effects of the air quality on our breathing. Children were lethargic and teachers ill. In addition, the adobe building had significant cracks in its structure and no sanitary latrines. We needed to relocate the school!**

Watching the children at San Jeronimo brought back another memory for me so fresh and so strong. The memory was that of a little girl standing by her father’s side as he grasped for air due to an illness. This 8-year-old, with her limited understanding of the world, attempted to hold her breath as long as possible so that there would

be extra oxygen for her dad. But of course it didn’t work, and to her dismay, her father died.

**That little girl was me. But this time was different. This time I had the power of Rotary behind me. And all I can say about our service project is wow. There is so much about Rotary that transcends words, culture, language, and differences.**



The Rotary wheel began to spin. Pieces began to fall into place. With the help of the Rotary Foundation, 4H, Project HOPE, Rotary members in Masaya, and many Rotary and Rotaract clubs in our district and beyond, a new school was built. There is plumbing, water, clean air, and even a small business enterprise of chickens and goats so

families can earn a little money and provide breakfast for the students. In the evening, the building is used for adult education.

**Paul Harris said “The greatest of all achievements... are the result of the combined effort of heart and head and hand working in perfect coordination.” The Nicaragua experience was life changing. The Rotary wheel keeps spinning as Rotary members keep on giving.**



**Rotary Club of Bonita Springs**, chartered November 3, 1978, meets every Wednesday 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](http://www.bonitaspringsrotary.org). and [www.facebook.com/myrotary](http://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](mailto:riverchip12-spoke@yahoo.com)





**“The Fifty-Fifty”  
This Week’s Big Prize-~~\$~~1,464.50**

Last week a delighted Don Thomson drew the Eight of Hearts 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”  
“Alouette”**

**Refrain**

Alouette, gentille alouette,  
Alouette, je te plumerai.

Je te plumerai la tête. x2

Et la tête! Et la tête!

Alouette! Alouette!

A-a-a-ah

**Refrain**



***It’s A Birthday  
Celebration!***

***Richard Garner,  
November 20***

**Our  
Upcoming  
Speakers  
This Morning,**



***Gerald  
Campbell,  
Director,  
Lee County  
Operations  
Center***

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**

Lord, we pray for your presence and benevolent power to be felt by our friends and family as they deal with the uncertainties of life. We hold in prayer also that vast number of people around the world who are benefiting from the generous work of the Rotary Foundation, the object of this month’s designation.

Take all efforts expended by Rotarians and use them in accord with your will. Use each of us in our own spheres of influence to make life better for someone else.

For the material things of life which we have in comparative abundance, we offer our thanks including food to sustain our bodies. Thank you also for the ability to enjoy fellowship with others, and with You in prayer. Amen.

