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## The Rotary Club of Bonita Springs



**January 22, 2012** 

### This Week

This week's speaker will be **Thomas Brown** of Clearwater, a veteran, who is very involved with the Patriot Guard Riders. This group was formed in 2005 to shelter and protect military deceased's families from protesters.

### **Last Week Meeting**

President **Jim O'Leary** presided. The multitalented **Kenny King** led the Pledge of Allegiance and delivered the Invocation, **Ralph Petit**(rr) led the 4-Way Test. **Ron Anderson** led the singing of *You are my Sunshine.* 

**John Knowles**, Community Service Chairman, reported on the successful clean up project completed on the previous Saturday.

Steve Slachta introduced the Teachers and Students of the Month; Jane Derksen, Support Person; Melissa Schecht Schneider, Teacher; McKenzie Lundgren, Service Student; and Katy Solis, Student of the Month. It is a real pleasure to hear of the achievements of these winners.

Mark McCaw said he was putting together a group of year-rounders for a Summer Golf Series on Saturday mornings. All levels of skill are welcome and it is a time of year when the courses like to have players.

Alternative Fund Raising Chairman, Jon McLeod, admitted to having extracted \$1,168 from members to date; \$930 was given to Meals of Hope. The beneficiary now is Relay for Life with an objective of raising \$3,000 before the Relay on April 14th and 15th.

**Bob Lombardo** reported on the **Gift of Life Mini-Golf** Tournament will be January 27th.

Many have bought tickets and sponsorships and it is not too late to get tickets. Sponsors should contact Bob with the message they would like on the flag.

Sergeant at Arms **George Cohan** said the **Reverse Raffle** raised \$15-16,000 last year. He took time out from the Raffle to recognize the birthdays of **Marjorie Rubacky** and **Bob Rosie**r by calling all the "under 35's" (shown below) up front to sing, calling them them "the future of the Rotary Club."



### **Last Week: Hector Manley**



Don, Hector, and Karen Manley, Ken Berman.

Bobbi Bird introduced Hector Manley, son of Don and Karen Manley as an "extraordinary young man who follows in his father's footsteps doing extraordinary things."

Hector became a double amputee in January, 2001 when he was trapped in a burning pit by an earthquake in his native, rural El Salvador.

Don and Karen discovered Hector in a hospital where they were trustees, convinced Hector's parents to allow them to bring him to the U.S. for fitting of prosthetics, and brought him to Findlay, Ohio. He was later adopted by the Manleys. He attended local schools, learned to play golf, including captaining his high school team, and will graduate from the University of Tampa in May.

Hector says, "I am able to be here because of Now I want to help others." After graduation, he is planning to kayak the entire length of the Mississippi River to raise funds for the Wounded Warriors and the Wheelchair Foundations. He has already gathered pledges of \$20,000 for the event. Don and Karen will accompany him in a 48' boat. All expenses of group of friends. I have jumped out of an the trip will be paid by the Manleys so that every dollar of contributions will go to the benefiting from 200 feet, driven motorcycles, and I agencies.

Hector was fitted with prosthetics by Ken Berman who was introduced by Don. told Don, "There will be no bill. This is on me. I want to do what's right.".

The Manleys and Ken Berman are terrific examples of Rotary Service Above Self. As President Jim said so well, "It is truly an honor to be associated with the Manleys".

### **Member Spotlight**

Jim Dati is an attorney specializing in business and transactional matters. considers himself to be outside, in-house counsel.

Jim says he returns calls and emails promptly and tries to keep his clients informed. He takes his profession and the matters entrusted to him very seriously. He would appreciate the opportunity to represent any of us.

He grew up in Milwaukee and is a shareholder in the Green Bay Packers. "It's been the worst financial investment of my life." Now, however, he is a "Gator", a Floridian by choice who loves Florida, Bonita Springs, and Southwest Florida.

Jim has been a Rotarian for 10 years. He thinks we have the finest Rotary Club in the world" and said "You are the finest group of people I have ever associated with. Club meetings remain a high point of my life."

Jim's favorite quote from St. Ignatius of Loyola is, "Pray as if everything depended on God, work as if everything depended on Jim is married to Annette and is blessed with two lovely, intelligent, strong daughters.

Jim says, "I have an absolutely great airplane, run a marathon, bungee jumped plan to sleep when I'm dead."

# \$\$\$ 50/50 \$\$\$ This Week's Big Prize: \$823 Last week a hopeful Bobbi Bird drew the 8 to win \$5.

# Happy Birthday!

None Admitted

### The Spoke Folk

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### Let's Sing, Rotarians!

### The Yellow Submarine

In the town where I was born, Lived a man who sailed to sea, And he told us of his life, In the land of submarines.

So we sailed on to the sun, Till we found the sea green, And we lived beneath the waves, In our yellow submarine,

We all live in a yellow submarine, yellow submarine, yellow submarine, We all live in a yellow submarine, yellow submarine.

And our friends are all aboard, Many more of them live next door, And the band begins to play. In the land of submarines.

As we live a life of ease Every one of us has all we need, Sky of blue, and sea of green, In our yellow submarine.

We all live in a yellow submarine, yellow submarine, yellow submarine, We all live in a yellow submarine, yellow submarine.

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