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# In Memoriam: Herb Barnes

September 25, 1926 - February 14, 2012



We learned that **Herb Barnes** (rr) from Portland, ME who had a massive heart attack Monday night had passed away on Tuesday. Herb was a long time Rotary Regular who eagerly took part in all activities while here in Bonita. We were all infected by Herb's enthusiasm and positive attitude.

This "Rotary Regular in the Spotlight" report was written two years ago. Some details have changed, Herb sold his boat and he and Liese were summering at a lake in Maine. However, this is a good summary of his life.

## *...Rotary Regular in the Spotlight*

*February, 2010*

**Herb Barnes** is a long time Rotary member from the Portland, Maine Rotary Club. He first joined Rotary in 1965 at a Pennsylvania club and a later was a Charter Member of the Litchfield, CT club. He joined the Portland club in 1983 and became a Rotary Regular in 2006.

In Pennsylvania, Herb was chairman of a large summer youth exchange with a district in Normandie, France. Le Grand Echange sent or received 300 kids each summer in District 7430, eastern Pennsylvania. He also organized a district program for Youth Exchange while a member of the Connecticut club.

Herb graduated from Cheltenham, PA high. There he says, "All attempts to be a sports hero failed miserably. I wound up doing shot put – or it did me." But then at UPenn he became successful athlete, rowing with Jack Kelly (Grace's brother) for four years. He graduated from UPenn with a BA and from the Bank Street College of Education with a M Ed. After a stint of teaching in Poughkeepsie, he returned to UPenn for a masters degree in Social Work.

His primary working career was in Social Work, mostly Child Welfare. He

was executive director of three residential institutions for youth in Pennsylvania, New Hampshire, and Connecticut. Along the way he became a Fellow of the American Orthopsychiatric Association; founding editor of one professional journal and editorial board member of two others; and adjunct professor at Universities of Minnesota, Connecticut, and New England.

Herb says, "My present job is retirement and I'm quite good at it." In addition, he is working on two books. Herb met his wife, Liese, almost 50 years ago. She is Austrian. They were married in Vienna and have continued to have strong ties with Austria. These ties led ultimately to Herb's developing an international professional program, *The International Learning Exchange in Social Education (ILEX)*, which he and Liese ran for twenty years.

They have two sons, Stephen in Colorado and Alan with whom they share a three-generation house here in Bonita Springs. Being with their grandchildren is their reason for leaving Maine for half the year.

In Maine, Herb and Liese live on a 42' wooden boat and spend summers exploring the coast of Maine from their home port of Yarmouth. As soon as they can sell the boat, they will "return to the land" at a cottage on a Maine lake.

Herb says Rotary has been his best resource for feeling connected and useful here in Bonita Springs.



# The Rotary Club of Bonita Springs



February 22, 2012

## This Week: Paul McGrath

**Paul McGrath**, retired US Attorney General, will speak on "Healthcare vis vis the Supreme Court".

## Last Week Meeting

President **Jim O'Leary** presided, week #33. **Dick Fredrickson** treated us to an invocation prayer in Swedish that his mother taught him. **Richard Garner** led the Pledge of Allegiance and **Sue Masters** recited the 4-way test. **Ron Anderson**, led the singing of *America the Beautiful*.

President Jim announced a new format for meetings to insure ample time for speakers. Meet and greet is eliminated, singing will be followed by *Member in the Spotlight*, then the speaker. Club announcements and George Cohan time will be after the speaker.

## Member Spotlight: Jim Horein



In sharing his "Member Moment" with us, Jim reviewed his four careers...as high school math teacher basketball coach, a computer "geek" in the mainframe era, reinsurance executive, and the best career of all – retirement!

Hailing from Elkhart County, Indiana, Jim's

degree was from Ball State University, with additional training at University of Michigan and Western Michigan.

After teaching, coaching, and marketing computers, he entered into the re-insurance field, which allowed him to travel to London, Brussels, Amsterdam, Argenia, Mexico, Manila, Singapore, Indonesia, and Israel.

And now he enjoys his fourth (and final) career – retirement! With grandkids, community service, golf, tennis, sailing, bocce, poker, and bridge, Jim is a pretty busy man.

He is a proud Rotarian, and a couple of his favorites quotations are "It's close friends that make life rich" and "Laughter is the shortest distance between friends." Your friends enjoyed learning more about you, Jim. thanks for the chuckles. We enjoyed sharing your life's story.

## Last Week: The Everglades

**Marjorie Rubacky** introduced **Ellen Goetz** President of Goetz+Stropes Landscape Architects. Ellen was the principle landscape architect of the Naples Botanical Gardens as well as many other projects in the Naples area. Her extracurricular activities include leading conservation efforts for the development and preservation of greenspace in Collier County.

Ellen says she has a vested interest in the future. She has three kids in college and her husband's business is the Naples Beach Hotel the success of which is highly dependent on the environment. Her activity led her to becoming a board member of the Everglades Foundation. This foundation is working to shepard the process of Everglades restoration through the federal and state regulatory bodies. Ellen introduced **Kirk Fordham** CEO of the

Everglades Foundation.



**Kirk Fordham**

Kirk had slides showing the current water flow from central Florida near Disney World to the Florida Straits compared to the "pre-drainage" water flow. The natural flow has been interrupted by canals and the dike around Lake Okeechobe cutting off the flow to the lower half of the Everglades, eliminating the recharging of critical aquifers, and starving the southern portion of water.

He describes the Everglades as an amazing, vast mosaic of eco-systems not found anywhere else in the world. He pointed out that our tourism industry depends on the Everglades and our natural resources. For instance, the commercial and recreational fishing industry, boating industry, tourism, and retirement housing industries all are based on having quality water and a quality environment.

There are currently seven restoration projects underway in South Florida being done by private contractors employing 26,000 people. These projects are part of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan which involves 60 projects spread over 30 years.

The Everglades, it's the water we drink.

### **Announcements**

The 6th Annual Bonita Blues Festival will be held at Riverside Park March 9th and 10th. See **Len Eckert** or the Bonita Blues Festival web site for details.

President Jim announced that **Jason Dolle** has been elected by the Board of Directors to fill **Brian Zamorski's** term.

The Foundation has authorized the purchase of the "Last Egret..a Charlie Pierce" novel about the Everglades and conservation for each 4th

grader at Bonita Springs Elementary School. The books will be presented by President Jim and Ray Faubion.

**George Cohan** introduced first time guests and visiting Rotarians. He then explained the Reverse Raffle. It is a combination fund raiser and social event. Each club member is obligated to sell a minimum of three tickets.

A \$100 ticket entitles the holder and guest to an evening at St John's Hall with open bar, catered sit down dinner, entertainment including dancing, and a chance to win \$15,000. The winning ticket is the last remaining in the drum after all others have been drawn. The winner does not have to be present.

In celebration of his 65th birthday, George conducted a \$1 per question trivia contest about prices in his birth year, 1947. After that, he assembled the Ladies Choir to sing "Happy Birthday" to **Georgy Porgy, pudding and pie.**

### **Upcoming Events:**

**Habitat** for Humanity workday. Saturday, February 25th.

**Rotary Leap Year Happy Hour.** Tuesday, February 28th, 5:30 PM. Lakehouse at the Trianon Hotel.

**Reverse Raffle.** Saturday, March 10th, at St John the Evangelist Hall. \$100 ticket per couple gets appetizers, sitdown meal, open bar **and** chance for the **BIG** prize.

**CREW** concert and silent auction at Riverside Park. Saturday, March 24th, 6:30-9:00 PM . Tickets \$20. See Fred Partin or Rick Barber.

**Rotary 5K Run.** Benefits the Gift of Life. Saturday, March 31st.

**Relay for Life.** April 14-15. Sandy Scoggins needs walkers and donaters.

**\$\$\$ 50/50 \$\$\$**

**This Week's Big Prize: \$1,020**

Last week Ellen Goetz drew the A♥ to win \$100.



\$1/ticket. 3 for \$2. 10 for \$5. 25 for \$10.

**Happy Birthday!**

**Todd Kluener Feb. 21**

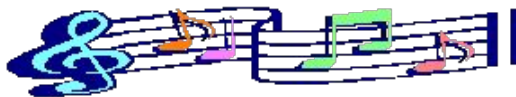
**Sue Masters Feb. 22**

### **The Spoke Folk**

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**The 4-Way Test**  
of things we think, say or do.

Is it the **TRUTH**?  
Is it **FAIR TO ALL CONCERNED**?  
Will it build **GOODWILL** and  
**BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?  
Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all **CONCERNED**?



*Let's Sing, Rotarians!*

*When Johnny Comes Marching Home*

When Johnny comes  
marching home again,  
Hurrah, hurrah!  
We'll give him a hearty welcome then,  
Hurrah, hurrah!  
The men will cheer, the boys will shout,  
The ladies they will all turn out,  
And we'll all feel gay,  
When Johnny comes marching home.

### **Rotary Make-Up Opportunities**

Monday	Noon	Fort Myers South. Crowne Plaza. Bell Tower
Tuesday	Noon	Estero. Spring Run
Wednesday	7:30 AM	Naples - Gulf Shore. Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club.
	12:15 PM	Naples. Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club.
Thursday	7:30AM	Naples North-Country Club of Naples
	Noon	Bonita Springs-Spanish Wells Country Club
Friday	7:30 AM	Naples-Pelican Bay. The Club at Pelican Bay.

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