



# The Spoke

## Connie Boyd

### Harry Chapin Food Bank



**Harry Chapin** was a popular folk/rock music performer who **donated proceeds from every other concert to ending hunger**. He died in a car accident in 1981 at the age of 39. Harry's widow gave permission for his name to be used by the food bank which serves the 5 counties of SWFL. The Harry Chapin Food Bank of SWFL recovers, inspects, transports, and distributes **donated food and other grocery products to more than 150 partner agencies** that serve Southwest Floridians in need. The HCFB also distributes food to **underserved areas** and targeted populations using a mobile pantry program.

In 2013, HCFB distributed **17.5 million pounds** of food valued at **\$29.6 million**. Each month the food bank will help serve at least **30,000 children, seniors, and other Southwest Floridians** facing hunger. 40% of the clients served are children and 10% are seniors.

**Volunteers make the HCFB work**. These are people who want to **make a difference** by helping feed their neighbors in need. In 2013 more than 2,750 people **volunteered 43,000 hours** of service worth almost \$1 million.

Each **donated \$1 is turned into \$6 in food value**. 97% of each donated dollar goes to programs.

Log on to: [www.harrychapinfoodbank.org](http://www.harrychapinfoodbank.org) to help.

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President **Sandra Hemstead** presided over the meeting that started out as “hot Rotary meeting”. Of course, it was just that the a/c wasn’t working. Sandy’s quote was, “If think you’re too small to make a difference, try sleeping with a mosquito.” She further said, “We all start where we are, do what’s meaningful for us to help others and collectively, together we can Light Up Rotary.”

Prospective member **Susan Hill** read the invocation; **Scott Angevine** led the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Scott Vail** recited the Four-Way Test flawlessly. **Bob Lorenz** stood up to lead the singing of *Beer Barrel Polka*.

Sandy told us that her daughter is expecting identical twins due in January 2015. Sandy and Wayne spent a couple of weeks painting the daughter’s house inside and out while house-sitting.

**Jim O’Leary** brought wife April to breakfast and reported the joy of having a “honeymoon week” while their daughters are visiting grandparents in North Carolina.

Sandy thanked **Juan Teodoro** for hosting the Beach Club Social. **Scott Gerrish** presented a slideshow of photos from the event.



RI has began a program of honoring members who recruit new members. Sandy presented **John Mathes** with the special pin in recognition of his achievement. Sandy said, “It’s the highest compliment you can give to this club to bring in a new member.”

**Roger Brunswick** announced that Dictionary labeling, in preparation for

Dictionary Day, will be Saturday, September 6th. He will need helpers for about 2 hours. After some discussion, it was agreed that Dictionary Day might be October 3rd.



Member **Chris Cole** is sponsoring Soles4Souls, an effort to collect old shoes that will be reconditioned for donation or sale. Please bring shoes to the meeting for Chris.

**Ira Hawk**, Scott and Amalia Gerrish attended the August **Shots for Tots** session. It was busy with 50 families served and 84 shots given.

**Bob Lombardo** says, “I am very appreciative of those who have paid their dues. If you haven’t please go to your office, log on the website and pay by credit card, or drop a check in the mail.”

Club Secretary **Greg Holtz** had discount certificates for the Veranda Restaurant that he gave out.

**George Cohan** noted that the room had cooled down. He greeted **Drew Clark** after the birth of his daughter with, “A son is son until he takes a wife; a daughter is a daughter for the rest of her life.” Drew showed us a photo of the new babe. George then extracted some big money from birthday people **Wendy Arsenault**, **Gary Murphy**, and **Nancy Ross**.

Don’t forget to put your coins and currency in the **blue bucket** for:



**CART**

Coins for Alzheimer’s Research Trust  
A project of The Rotary Clubs in Southeast US

## NEWS FROM "UP THERE"

Derry New Hampshire's two Rotary clubs have **joined together for the last six years** to sponsor a cookout honoring all Derry area veterans. The annual veterans salute began as a way to honor veterans for their service.

**"Our vets are so important to what we have today,"** Rotarian and Derry police Chief Edward Garone said. **"We didn't feel they were getting the proper recognition."**

The two Derry Rotary clubs made it possible that first year for 20 World War II veterans living in Derry to take a free trip to visit the national monument dedicated to their service in Washington, D.C.

The following year, the clubs hosted a catered dinner for Korean War veterans. Subsequent years honored veterans from the Vietnam War, then all veterans from all wars were invited to center stage.

**This year's event is to celebrate veterans from all wars and conflicts.** Younger veterans are also invited to the cookout.

Veterans attending this year's barbecue had **a lot of stories to tell and many memories to share.** They are buddies, comrades and longtime friends. It was mostly about friendship.

Vietnam Air Force veteran Rod Pierce served from 1960 to 1965. **"I think it's important to recognize the people that**

**served their country,"** he said. "I came home, but a lot didn't."

Gold Star mother Karen Vaughn came to the dinner and shared her thoughts about veterans and their service. Her son, Navy SEAL Aaron Vaughn, was killed in 2011 while serving in Afghanistan. She said she was honored to be in the room. **"This room represents some of the greatest gifts to this nation,"** she said. **"There is no place on Earth I'd rather be."**



U.S. Sen. Kelly Ayotte, R-N.H., told the veterans she was happy to be invited back this year. "I am humbled to be in the presence of so many that served our country with distinction."

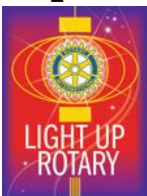
Vaughn said she knew that many in attendance may have witnessed

friends take their last breath on a battlefield.

Lois Newcomb, 98, **still remembers vividly joining the Navy and serving during World War II, working at a naval hospital in California.** "I would see the men when they could come back," she said. Newcomb said she was very young when she enlisted, but never thought twice about the importance of what she was doing. "I really enjoyed it," she said.

Don Belinsky shared a special poem he wrote for a fallen friend. He read his words before the veterans in the room and said he would never forget his buddy, Timothy Call. The Air Force veteran served from 1967 to 1971. **He said he wouldn't be standing today if it weren't for all the veterans.**

*Derry News*



**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 website [www.bonitaspringsrotary.org](http://www.bonitaspringsrotary.org). **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). **Scott Gerrish** issue editor.

Last Week:  
A Smiling Nancy Ross  
drew the 8♠ to win \$5



The 50/50 Now  
\$950±

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?

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### Rotary Sings: *This Land is Your Land*

This land is my land,  
From California  
To the New York island,  
From the redwood forest,  
To the Gulf stream waters,  
This land was made for you and me.  
As I was walking,  
That ribbon of highway,  
I saw above me  
That endless skyway,  
I saw below me  
That golden valley.  
This land was made for you and me.

#### Upcoming Speakers

*This Week:*

**Mary Evans, Esq**  
**The Florida Judicial**  
**System**



***It's A Birthday***  
***Celebration!***

***Dale Timple Aug 16***

O God, in a society so enamored of things and pleasures, help us to remember that ancient truth that “man does not live by bread alone.”

We are grateful for material things but help us to see and use them in the larger context of that which is moral, ethical, and spiritual.

Guide and strengthen us in personal and corporate pursuit of activities from which others will benefit. As we have been served in various ways, motivate us to serve others.

We express gratitude for the blessings of food and fellowship by which we are enriched. Amen.