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# The Spoke

The Rotary Club of Bonita Springs  
Chartered November 3, 1978



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# Rotary Club of Bonita Springs

August 1, 2012



## Last Meeting

**President Stephanie** presided. **Jim Dati** delivered the invocation. **Steve McIntosh** led the Pledge of Allegiance and **Sally Smith**, President of the Estero Club led the 4 Way Test. **Ron Anderson** conducted an inspirational version of *Oh What A Beautiful Morning*.

**President Stephanie** updated us on the grant process protocols discussed last week at Port Charlotte. Conference last week. A presentation briefing on the changes will take place in September.



**It's Time to Start Thinking about Poinsettias** Seriously. Before we know it Santa will be on his way to Southwest Florida and poinsettias will be the perfect

gift for colleagues and businesses. Look for **Susan Schmitt's** email and place your orders as soon as possible.

**Attention Golfers...**it was nice visiting with Sally Smith, President of the Estero Club last meeting. Sally advised that her Club will be sponsoring a Golf Fundraiser Saturday

September 29 at Estero County Club at the Vines. We're all invited to attend. And don't forget to sign up for our Club's Saturday outings which continue throughout the summer. It's a great way to enjoy some of our area's top courses in the company of friendly Rotarians.



## Last Week's Program

**District Governor**

**Stephen F. Schlueter**



.We were honored last week by the visit of Steve and Pam Schlueter. As our new District Governor Steve brings with him a robust history of involvement and commitment having twice served as President of his Club and providing leadership to the District Finance Committee, District Simplified Grants Committee, District Training Team, the Board of Rotary's Camp Florida and the District's Ambassadorial Scholarship Committee.

**Governor Steve offered a comprehensive overview and update of Rotary on the international, national, and district level. He encouraged us to live this year's theme "Peace Through Service," understanding how it can be both "massive" and "personal." He noted, "in almost everything we do as Rotarians we are bringing peace in some way, shape or form."**

He reflected on President Tanaka's goals for the coming year and his strategic plan of strengthening our Clubs, focusing on humanitarian service and enhancing public image and awareness of Rotary's mission. Our District insures those goals come true by offering support, programs, and services. Thanks Governor Steve for your leadership and being a true example of what it means to be Rotarian.

## Congratulations Geri



It's always a happy occasion to enjoy a Blue Badge presentation emblematic of our Club's unity and hospitality. So congratulations **Geri Spaeth** on receiving your badge—we're glad you're a member of our Club.

## Gift of Life

**Ron Anderson** offered a report on Gift of Life Neville and his Mom are scheduled to arrive in Florida on July 30th and visit us at this morning's meeting. His surgery is scheduled in Tampa on August 7th.. Thanks to **Jessica and Jay Berube** and **Wendy and Mike Arsneault** for hosting Neville and his Mom during their visit.

## A Banner Day

Rotary International observes "one of the more colorful traditions of Rotary is the exchange of club banners. Rotarians traveling to distant locations often take banners to exchange at make-up meetings as a token of friendship. Many clubs use the decorative banners they have received for attractive displays at club meetings and district events....The approximately 20,000 banners in the Rotary History and Archives collection reflect clubs' hometown pride and their connection with the international organization." **Les and Jessica James** and **Jay and Jessica Berube** continued that wonderful tradition by bringing back the banner of the Rotary Club of Aruba which was proudly presented to **President Stephanie**.



## From RI On Being Rotarian “The Olympic Torch”

In 1958, Bob Izon ran the mile in world-record time in the under-16 age category, becoming the English schools champion. But the most meaningful run of his life took place in May, when the founding member of the Rotary Club of Hereford Wye Valley, Herefordshire, England, carried the Olympic torch through his hometown. **Izon is one of several Rotarians who have carried the torch on its relay to the new Olympic Stadium in London for the opening ceremony of the 2012 Summer Olympics .**



“I consider myself very fortunate to have been chosen, as half the bearers are ages 15 to 25,” he says. “It gave me a chance to pursue three objectives: inspire the younger generation, publicize Rotary’s good works, and show that a diagnosis of Parkinson’s disease does not always condemn one to a nonactive life.”Izon was diagnosed with the disease in 1992 but has remained active as a Rotarian, a justice of the peace, and a school board member at St. Paul’s Church of England Primary School in Hereford. The school’s students and their parents lined the road on 24 May for Izon’s portion of the torch relay. Members of his club bore a huge banner publicizing Rotary and their upcoming charity duck race. During an all-school assembly the next day, students spent more than two hours taking turns holding the torch that had carried the flame and having their photographs taken. “Having Parkinson’s, being a school governor, being a Rotarian, these have all combined to give me an effective message,” he says. “I can say to the kids, don’t give in, and they believe it.”

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This Weeks Big Prize



An ebullient **John Spear** drew the Queen of Diamonds to win \$5.00.

As always...the real winner is our Foundation which gets one half of the

**Happy Birthday**

**John Warfield, August 2**  
**Steve Krchniak, August 5**  
**Wendy Arnsenault, August 7**

**The Spoke**

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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!***

***Old Folks At Home***

Way down upon the Suwannee River  
Far, far away,  
There's where my heart is turning ever,  
There's where the old folks stay.  
All up and down the whole creation,  
Sadly I roam,  
Still longing for that old plantation,  
And for the old folks at home.

Chorus:

All the world is sad and dreary,  
Everywhere I roam,  
O, brothers, how my heart grows weary,  
Far from the old folks at home.

**Now Available  
Rotary Club Locator App!**

You can now search for a Rotary club with RI's free mobile app. In the Apple app store, Google Play, and BlackBerry App World, it's called the Rotary Club Locator from Rotary International. The Rotary Club Locator app helps you find a Rotary club meeting when you're on the go.



The App includes a number of way cool features like a keyword search for clubs; a map showing a club's location and driving directions and a search function to find clubs by district. Check it out today.

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